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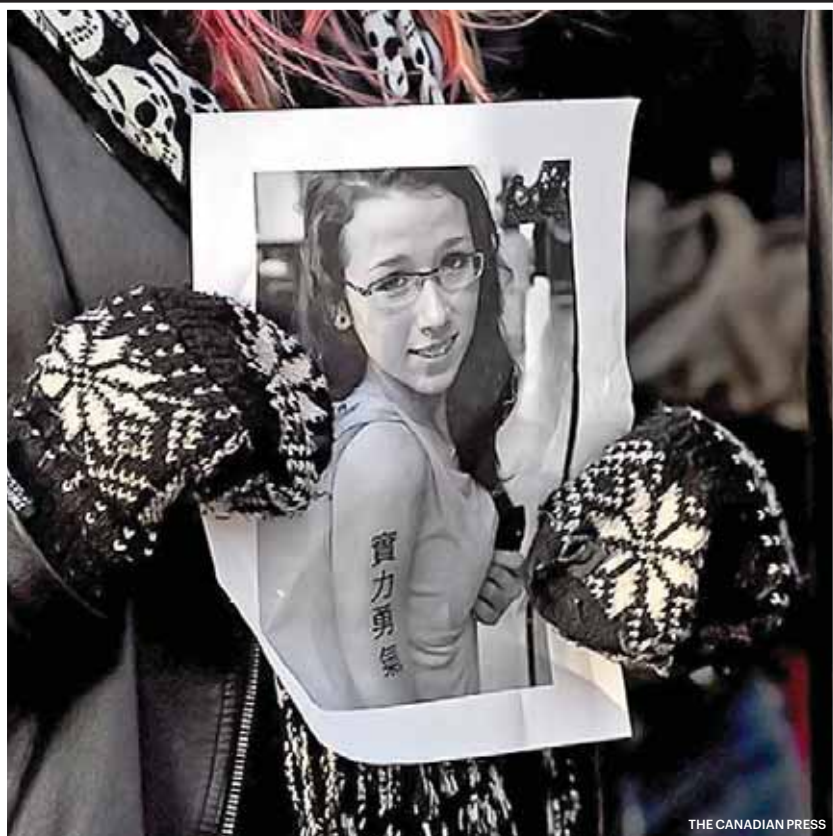
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**TRIAL**

## Court date set for Dalhousie student

The trial of a suspended Dalhousie medical student who allegedly told his psychiatrist he harboured thoughts of shooting up to 20 people before killing himself has been delayed until Nov. 2.

Stephen Gregory Tynes faces two counts of uttering threats to cause bodily harm and one count of engaging in threatening conduct.

The 30-year-old Tynes is also charged with unauthorized possession of a pro-

**+ FREE ON BAIL**

Stephen Gregory Tynes, who did not appear in court, remains free on bail but has been ordered to stay at his father's home in Truro.

hibited device in relation to an overcapacity cartridge magazine.

Defence lawyer Stan MacDonald told Halifax provincial court Wednesday he needs time to consider new evidence and speak with his client.

In a search warrant, police allege Tynes told his psychiatrist he was going to stab the associate dean of undergraduate medical education at Dalhousie, as well as her daughter. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



**Stephen Gregory Tynes**  
FACEBOOK

**POLICE**

## Officer accused of identity fraud: RCMP

A police officer in Nova Scotia is being accused of identity fraud.

The RCMP say they searched a 39-year-old officer's home Wednesday after allegations were brought forward to them.

They seized several electronic devices, along with a computer from a Cape Breton Regional Police vehicle.

The officer who works with

Cape Breton Regional Police has been released from custody and is facing a charge of identity fraud.

He is scheduled to appear in Sydney provincial court on Dec. 15.

The investigation is still ongoing, and a police spokesman wouldn't provide any more details when contacted by Metro.

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**ROAD SAFETY GHOST BIKE PAYS TRIBUTE TO CYCLIST KILLED IN COLLISION** A ghost bike has been placed near the location where a cyclist was killed in Halifax. The collision happened Wednesday morning on Purcell's Cove Road between Spinneraker Drive and Herring Cove Road. The white bicycle and flowers are paying tribute to the victim — a 49-year-old female cyclist — who was struck by a propane truck and died at the scene. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

# Damage assessment continues at hospital

**HEALTH**

## Victoria General flood forces closures, cancellations

Nova Scotia's health minister says work is still being done to determine the extent of flood

damage at a major health-care centre in Halifax, but some floors may not be salvageable.

Leo Glavine said he doesn't yet know how much of the Centennial building at the Victoria General was affected by a flood that closed down sections of the hospital late last month.

The flooding forced the relocation of about 50 patients and postponed dozens of sur-

geries after a pipe burst and left the fourth and fifth floors submerged.

Glavine says the century-old hospital needs to be replaced, but it's not known how much that would cost or when it would be done.

He says he will give regular updates on the assessment of the damage, and plans to replace the facility that has been beset by

**+ SERVICES**

The Victoria General site in Halifax houses several specialized care centres, including cancer, ophthalmology and transplant units.

problems such as legionnaires' disease. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Murray Segal, left, and his associate Christine Mainville, arrive at One Government Place in Halifax to deliver the Independent Review of the Police and Prosecution Response to the Rehtaeh Parsons case on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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**Hopefully today will help heal the bitterness and anger and for the first time in years, I can look ahead instead of behind.**

Glen Canning, father of Rehtaeh Parsons



Glen Canning  
JEFF HARPER/METRO

# ‘It’s not going to happen again’

## REHTAEH PARSONS

### Justice review finds blame in police, Crown



Haley Ryan  
Metro | Halifax

A review into how the police and Crown handled Rehtaeh Parsons' case reveals errors from start to finish, but the author and government say this is “not going to happen again.”

On Thursday, Murray Segal released his 145-page review with 17 recommendations on how Halifax Regional Police

and RCMP integrated units made errors in the case, and no action was taken on the cyberbullying Parsons encountered.

“The justice system is not a perfect platform for providing satisfaction to anyone,” Segal told reporters.

“Rehtaeh was looking for validation during her lifetime and it didn't seem to come.”

Parsons died after attempting suicide in April 2013, following months of cyberbullying related to an explicit photo showing Parsons vomiting out a window as a boy behind her gave the thumbs-up.

No charges were laid, but after new information in August 2013, two teens were

charged with child pornography and later convicted.

Segal said the investigation done by the Sexual Assault Investigation Unit (SAIU) took “too long for a kid and family in crisis,” but it was “reasonable” for them to not lay sexual assault charges due to many factors and a seasoned Crown's opinion it wouldn't lead to conviction.

However, Segal said a main error was a junior Crown prosecutor's opinion that child porn charges would not lead to conviction through a “misunderstanding” of the law.

After consulting a more senior prosecutor, who didn't read the whole file, the Crown advised conviction might not happen because it wasn't possible to tell if those in the photo were underage.

“It's human error. It's not an error of sloth or agenda,” Segal said.

Provincial and federal laws have since come in that better address the sharing of intimate images without someone's consent, Segal said.

Martin Herschorn, director of public prosecutions, accepted Segal's recommendations and said they now have

training around technology, drunkenness and consent, and moved to have 20 attorneys instead of two as child porn experts.

Segal said police ran into a roadblock at Parsons' high school when they were denied access to interview students about the photo, and emphasized sharing was illegal.

Halifax regional school board spokesman Doug Hadley said the school was only following protocol created with police under the education act that protects the learning environment.

“We still believe very strongly there are many ... opportunities and hours of the day when police can conduct interviews,” Hadley said, adding

the board is open to updating any policies.

Segal said it's important for school and police to work together when technology renders school boundaries useless.

Justice minister Diana Whalen said she has faith in the Crown, and will carry out the recommendations by working with the education minister to ensure a better, faster response with more supports.

Segal said he agrees with Parsons' parents, Glen Canning and Leah Parsons, in the hope Rehtaeh's legacy has created a better justice system for young victims.

“It's not going to happen again and steps have been taken to correct it,” Segal said.

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# Police issue apology for 'unacceptable' mistakes

REHTAEH PARSONS

**Officers now have mandatory training: Blais**



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

It was an apology she never lived to hear.

Halifax's top police brass delivered an apology and offered some explanation into the investigation of the Rehtaeh Parsons case, in response to a subsequent review on the matter released Thursday.

Dennis Daley, Chief Sup. Acting Officer in Charge of Halifax District RCMP, accepted the review conducted by Ontario's former deputy attorney general Murray Segal, who concluded that the year-long investigation into Parsons' alleged sexual assault was "simply unacceptable," in length.

He also found police broke protocol when it came to interviewing Parsons, resulting in her having to be interviewed twice, which opened the doors to potential revictimization.

"In terms of those mistakes and shortcomings, directly related to police, we apologize," Daley told reporters.

"The justice system had some errors and those are errors that we are addressing," Halifax Regional Police Chief Jean-Michel Blais later said.

"Rehtaeh's death was a tragedy."

Blais underscored Thursday that sexual assault investigators, as well as other officers, now



**RCMP Insp. Dennis Daley, left, and Chief of the Halifax Regional Police Jean-Michel Blais answer questions about Murray Segal's review into the Rehtaeh Parsons case on Thursday.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

receive specialized mandatory training on dealing with all types of sexual violence cases, including those involving children.

Thursday's review attributed the egregious length of the investigation to the workload of the investigating officer from the sexual assault investigation team assigned to the case.

Blais explained there were 18 murders in 2011, as Parsons' case was unfolding, which saw the case investigator drawn upon to help with.



**In terms of those mistakes and shortcomings, directly related to police, we apologize.**

Dennis Daley

That practice of shifting investigators from the sexual assault team to help solve other violent crimes has since been discontinued Blais said, to ensure "they remain dedicated to their caseload."

The report also indicated sexual assault investigators handle an average of 20 cases at once, which Blais said has decreased "considerably," but he couldn't provide specifics.

Improvements to officer training on cyber-bullying, social

media and ongoing work between police liaisons and schools, were also offered up as ongoing efforts made in light of the Parsons case.

Blais would not say whether school officials' refusal to allow officers inside Parsons' high school to question students hindered the expediency of the investigation.

Daley said a working group has been formed to devise an action plan to implement the review's recommendations.

## + REVIEW FINDINGS

- A police investigator was given incorrect information when told by a Crown prosecutor that child pornography offences could not be prosecuted because there was no way to determine from a photo that the persons involved were underage.

- Murray Segal says the investigation of the sexual assault allegations was thorough but took too long. His report says the investigation into Parsons' allegations of sexual assault took close to a year to conclude and during that time she changed schools twice and was hospitalized for weeks following renewed thoughts of suicide. "In the end, she did not receive the support and assistance a young person in crisis required," the report says.

- The report also says the investigation by the sexual assault unit included some errors and took too long for reasons that were sometimes outside the investigator's control.

- — The report says Parsons gave a lengthy unrecorded statement to a police officer before the case was handed to an investigator from the sexual assault unit, which did not follow proper protocol. The report says because of Parsons' age, she should have been interviewed only once, alongside a social worker.

- Parsons was also interviewed at length by a police officer in the presence of her mother. The report says the two should have been interviewed separately.

- Two separate interviews "would have had an avoidable negative impact on Rehtaeh; it also had a negative impact on the case because the initial statement was not obtained in conditions conducive to optimal reliability."

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# Halifax spotlight: A two-horse race

🍁 ELECTION 2015



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

NDP incumbent Megan Leslie will try to hold on to the Halifax riding on Oct. 19 amid a national trend seeing her party slip into third place.

Leslie has held the riding since 2008, and before her, fellow New Democrat Alexa McDonough had held the riding since 1997, but for the first time in more than 18 years, there are rumblings that the NDP stronghold may be up for grabs.

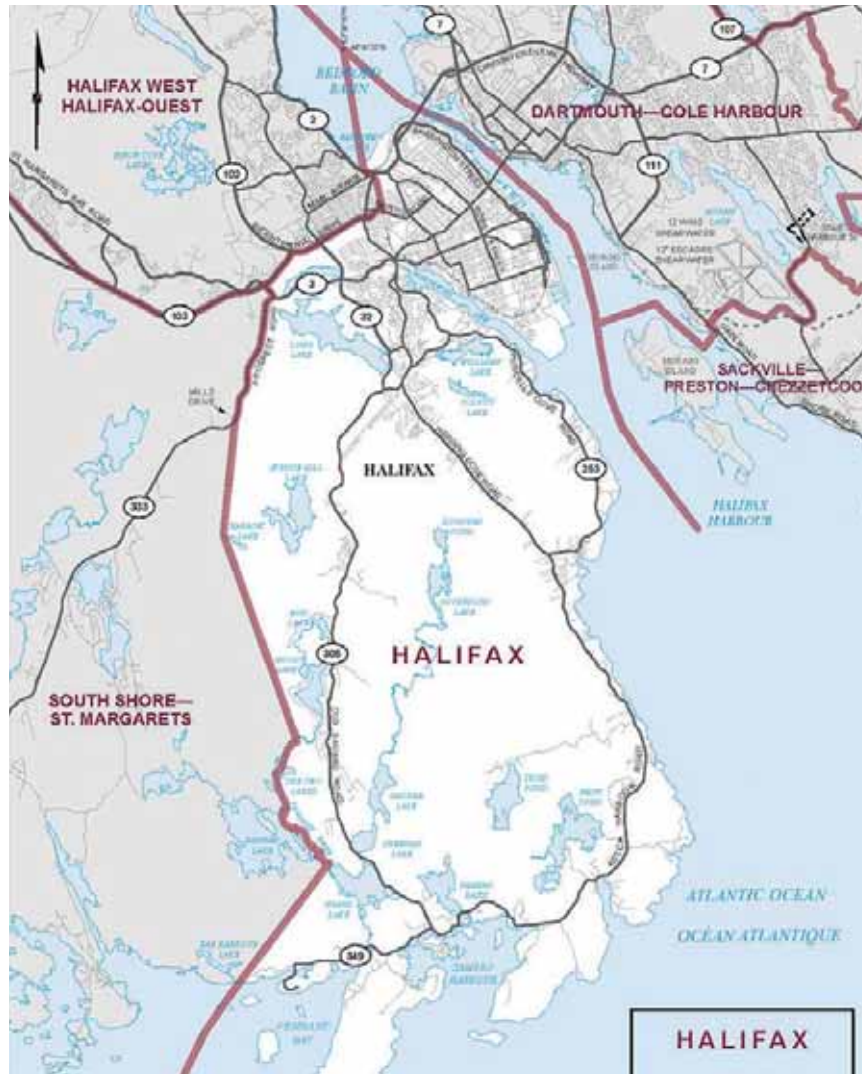
Halifax is the second most populous riding in Nova Scotia, with more than 92,000 people, but it has the highest population of students, with three of the province's major universities.

A common issue is jobs, with a federal shipbuilding contract promising to make them happen, and politicians clamouring to take credit for it.

The riding's boundaries include peninsular Halifax, Herring Cove and out to Sambro, as well as Sable Island.

Traditionally, the NDP have battled the Liberals for the win in the riding, but the gap between the two grew in 2011, with Leslie beating Liberal candidate Stan Kutcher by nearly 12,000 votes.

Before that, it had been a closer race, with Leslie winning by about 7,000 and 8,000 votes in 2008 and 2006, and McDonough scraping by Liberal Sheila Fougere with not much more than 1,000 votes in 2004.

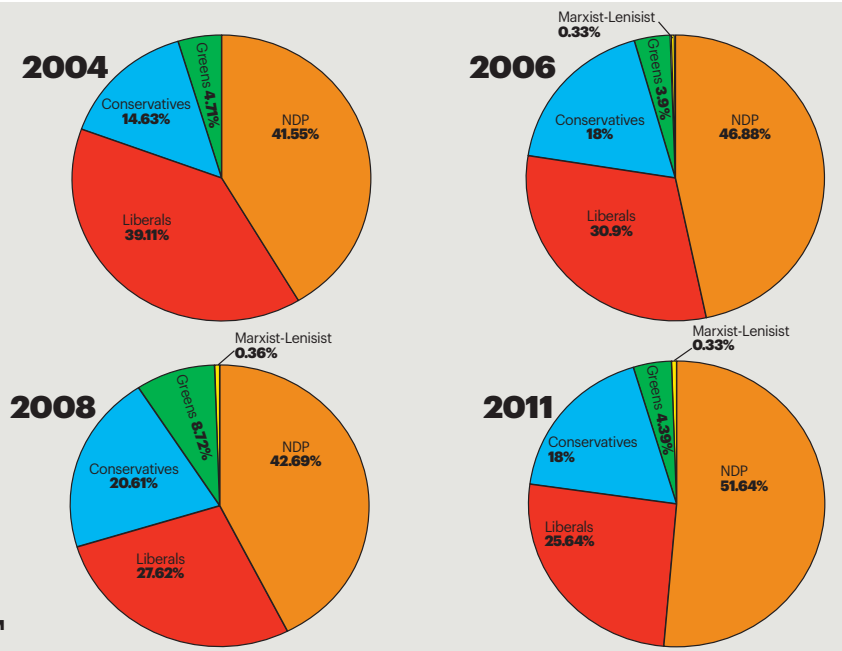


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## IN THEIR OWN WORDS Why they deserve your vote

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#### Conservative

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### Thomas Trappenberg

#### Green

I believe you should vote for the party with the best platform and the strongest leader. I represent that party.

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### Andy Fillmore

#### Liberal

I believe in the Halifax that could be, and I've spent my career doing everything I can to help us get there.

My work on Halifax Central Library and HRMbyDesign has shown me that Halifax is bursting with energy. We're thinking big.

But that's not enough — we need an MP who will be a champion for Halifax, to ensure our federal government is a partner, not an obstacle. I'll be that champion for Halifax.



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### Megan Leslie

#### NDP

As Halifax's MP since 2008, every issue I've championed in Parliament has been driven by our community: the merit-based shipbuilding procurement process, fighting climate change, creating Sable Island National Park, monies for Citadel Hill.

I've stood up to Stephen Harper in Ottawa. A vote for Megan Leslie is a vote for an effective MP who delivers results for Halifax. An NDP government will repeal Bill C-51 and put a stop to Liberal and Conservative corruption.



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### Allan Bezanson

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# NDP promote promises

ELECTION 2015

## Candidates all vying for re-election in campaign



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

With 12 days left before Canadians head to the polls, New Democrats are laying down party promises for voters in Halifax one final time.

Robert Chisholm of Dartmouth-Cole Harbour was joined by NDP incumbents Megan Leslie of Halifax and Peter Stoffer for Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook to give a statement on the party's platform as to how it impacts Atlantic Canadians.

"For almost 10 years under the Conservatives, our communities have experienced neglect," Chisholm said in his opening word.

He outlined the New Democrat's plan to invest more



**Nova Scotia candidates Alex Godbold, left, Robert Chisholm and Joanne Hussey share a laugh before a media scrum in August at the World Trade and Convention Centre.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

\$500 million to infrastructure and transit, and another \$193 million for municipalities in Nova Scotia.

Some of that money could be put towards renovations on the Dartmouth General Hospital to begin replace-

ments on the ailing Centennial building of the QEII hospital, recently damaged by flooding.

## + SHIPBUILDING

The three candidates reiterated Tom Mulcair's earlier commitment to uphold the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy.

Chisholm said the plan is to make the money available for provinces and municipalities to set the priorities.

"We do have a commitment to meet twice a year with the ministers of health and that's really important to sit down at the table twice a year and talk about what is shifting on the ground in the provinces," Leslie said.

"You know your health-care systems the best. What is shifting? Is it a need for capital, is it a need for clinics, is it rural?"

She underlined the importance of having those conversations when doling out federal funds, criticizing Prime Minister Stephen Harper's reluctance to meet with provincial leaders.

## IN BRIEF

### Second man charged in distressed dogs case

The SPCA says a second man has been charged following the seizure of 24 distressed dogs from a home in the Halifax area.

Makell Aaron Cain faces four charges under the Animal Protection Act.

The charges include failing to provide animals with an adequate source of water and reasonable protection from injurious heat or cold.

The American Staffordshire terriers, including several newborns, were rescued last weekend from a home in North Preston.

Officials allege the two dozen animals were housed in an area filled with excrement and with no protection from the heat or cold.

The SPCA initially said 25 dogs were seized, but it has since corrected that number to 24.

Cain's father, Warren Winslow Cain, also faces charges under the Animal Protection Act.

They are due in Dartmouth provincial court on Nov. 17. METRO

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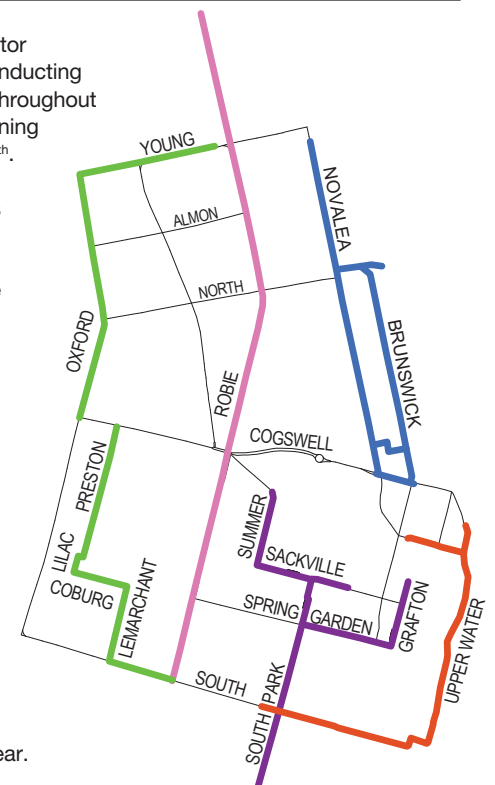


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# Determined to oust Harper

ANYONE BUT CONSERVATIVE

## Group begins second phase of campaign to sway ridings

**Emma Davie**  
For Metro | Halifax

Veterans group Anyone But Conservative released the second phase of its campaign to vote out Stephen Harper during a rally in downtown Halifax on Thursday.

The rally included the premiere of one of six video ads as part of the group's strategy to influence voters in swing ridings.

"Today's event is very important, not just for veterans but for all Canadians," said David MacLeod, a veteran and speaker at the rally.

"Veterans are fighting for

the very things that the average Canadian values."

MacLeod recently published a book, *A Dirty Little Skirmish*, on the challenges that veterans face, particularly under the Conservative government.

"The Conservative government has not been honest or straightforward with veterans for nine years," he said. "Since they've decided to emphasize patronage and self-interest rather than help veterans, it's time that they left."

Another speaker was veteran Dennis Manuge, who won a class-action lawsuit against the Canadian government regarding the offset of long-term disability benefits for veterans.

"I have no idea why this government does virtually nothing for you," Manuge told the crowd of veterans,

families and supporters. "I know you feel alone and abandoned and I know how that feels because I feel it too."

**The Conservative government has not been honest or straightforward with veterans for nine years.**

David MacLeod



Dennis Manuge said that for him, one thing is clear: "I will not be voting Conservative."

EMMA DAVIE/FOR METRO

PORT MOUTON

## Advance poll not so easy

Beverley Burlock thought there was a mistake when her voter card from Elections Canada arrived in the mail.

The Port Mouton resident was examining the details on the card when she noticed her advance poll site was in Lockeport, a 40-minute drive away in neighboring Shelburne County.

"I thought ... there's no way this is right," she said. "It is beyond stupid."

But a call to Elections Canada last week confirmed it. Two polling districts in West Queens, including hers in Port Mouton, will see their advance polls held in Lockeport.

"This is ridiculous," she said.

Burlock said that in the past she had voted in advance polls in Liverpool, a mere 15 minutes from her home.

Elections Canada representatives were apologetic about the situation and explained that the huge size of the riding, electoral boundary changes and the limited number of advance polling stations meant that some voters would be inconvenienced. TC MEDIA

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**Emma Davie**  
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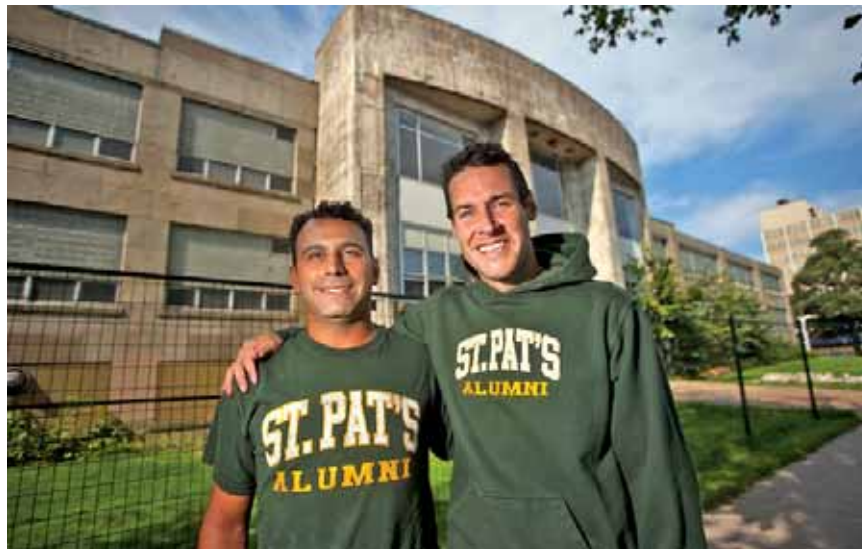
"Insanity." That's the word Craig MacDonald used when asked to describe planning the final reunion for St. Patrick's High School in Halifax.

"I've been doing events for 12 years and this is probably the busiest I've ever been," he said.

MacDonald and his St. Pat's pal Leo Salloum wanted to bid their beloved high school goodbye, and decided to invite all former St. Pat's students from 1954-2007.

"This is why I do it. It's the people that have that Irish pride that are coming to the event. They're the ones making this event successful," MacDonald said.

Saturday's schedule is packed with a barbecue,



**Leo Salloum, left, and Craig MacDonald are co-organizing the final St. Pat's High School reunion happening on Saturday.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

alumni basketball game, dance and slideshow.

Jim Smith, owner of Cheapy Tire in Dartmouth and another St. Pat's alumnus, is the main sponsor of the event.

The St. Pat's Farewell Face-book page currently has 1,115

people promising to attend.

But MacDonald said he expects about 800 people.

"People are going to show up and be like, 'I haven't seen you in 30 years!'" he said. "We're going to see happy faces, reminiscing about the

school, hugging. It'll be an overwhelmingly exciting day for everyone."

For alumni that want to take home a little piece of their old high school, MacDonald has cut up slabs of the gym floor. The 300-odd slabs

**"We're going to see happy faces, reminiscing about the school, hugging. It'll be an overwhelmingly exciting day for everyone."**

Reunion organizer Craig MacDonald

will be sold for \$10 each and all proceeds will go to Citadel High School.

"It'll be a happy day, but as the weeks go on and it comes down, it's going to be shocking. So we've got to take this in," he said.

The barbecue starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday and lasts until 4 p.m. The dance and slide show event is from 7 to 10 p.m.

Admission to the barbecue is free and tickets for the dance are \$25. They can be purchased online at [irishpride.ca](http://irishpride.ca) or at Tony's Donair on Robie Street.

## IN BRIEF

### Rainbow crosswalk in Nova Scotia town breaks the rules, to be removed

Main Street in Wolfville is about to lose the rainbow crosswalk at Linden Avenue it acquired in June. Wolfville council was informed officially this week that the bright colours do not fit national crosswalk standards.

A letter from the province's transportation and infrastructure department prompted a decision on Oct. 6 to return the crosswalk outlines to white.

Chief administrative officer Erin Beaudin said in a followup interview that council would like to seek a site for a permanent rainbow. Town engineer Kevin Kerr was outvoted by town council when he raised concern over the provincial standards last spring.

Discussion about the rainbow crosswalk began last year when council received a request from the equity officer at Acadia University, Meg Townsend, to consider painting one or more rainbow-coloured crosswalks in support of the LGBT community. TC MEDIA



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# Charges withdrawn against councillor

## TRURO

### MacArthur to still face allegations of fraud in HRM

Multiple fraud charges against a Truro town councillor have been withdrawn from a Pictou court.

Crown attorney Bill Gorman said in Pictou provincial court Thursday that he would withdraw all 28 charges against Greg MacArthur because it didn't see any real prospect of conviction.

One charge of breach of trust by a public officer was also withdrawn.

"After a careful review of the file and consultations with defence counsel, and in consultation with DND investigators, I have determined that there is no reasonable nor realistic prospect of conviction. Accord-

## + LOOMING

Greg MacArthur is still facing two counts of fraud in HRM, as well as four counts of fraud in Colchester County, relating to the same investigation. There is one charge of breach of trust by a public officer laid in each of these counties.

ingly, the charges were withdrawn," said Gorman outside of the courtroom.

According to court documents, the fraud charges involved using unauthorized transactions on a Department of National Defence Mastercard. The breach-of-trust charge was laid because investigators said the alleged purchasing took place while he was an official with the 144 Engineering Flight in Pictou.

MacArthur retired from the



Greg MacArthur was charged on June 23. CONTRIBUTED

Canadian Navy and has been a Truro councillor for approximately 11 years. Investigators said the alleged fraudulent activity totalled \$5,700 from November 2013 and August 2014.

MacArthur was charged on June 23 following an investi-

gation by the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service, a unit within the Canadian Forces Military Police Group, which included the execution of a search warrant on MacArthur's Truro residence.

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## HOLIDAY

### What's open, closed for Thanksgiving



Zane Woodford  
Metro | Halifax

Be sure to pick up your turkey before Thanksgiving Monday.

All grocery stores, malls and banks will be closed Monday in Halifax.

Some locally owned businesses could be open though, as it's not a statutory holiday in Nova Scotia.

Drug stores like Lawtons and Shoppers Drug Mart are open on the holiday, though some have reduced hours, and those inside malls won't be open.

All NSLC locations will be closed Monday, but independent stores Bishop's Cellar, Rock-

Head and the Cold Beer Store in Burnside will be open.

Many craft breweries will be open as well, but it's best to call ahead to confirm.

Halifax Transit buses and ferries will run on holiday schedule, and on-street metered parking is free.

If your garbage or compost normally gets picked up on Monday, the city says, you should put it out for Saturday morning.

The Otter Lake Waste Management Facility will be closed Monday, along with the city's other composting and recycling depots.

The city's 311 call centre will operate on regular hours Monday, but its five customer-service centres will be closed.

## IN BRIEF

### N.S. man charged in New Brunswick kidnapping

RCMP say a man has been charged in the alleged kidnapping of a man at gunpoint in New Brunswick.

Police say 37-year-old

Parker Jacob Richards of Nova Scotia was arrested in Halifax on Thursday and is facing multiple charges including using a firearm to kidnap, uttering a death threat and injuring the victim's dog. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## VOTER PROFILE

**Name:** Ginny Movat **Age:** 25 **Riding:** Ottawa-Vanier  
**Her issues:** Lower taxes, tough-on-crime measures

# Most 'sympathetic' to Harper's ideas



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"Prime Ministers only last so long, but I think (Stephen Harper) has a lot left in him and a lot left he can do for the country."

Ginny Movat, 25, is the opposite of an undecided voter. She's only known a Harper-led Canada, and that, she says, is a good thing.

The Conservative-minded consultant and lobbyist says she believes that many Canadians will vote with her on Oct. 19.

"We represent a wide cross-section of views," she says. "I think, in elections, the strongest voices are people who carry a lot of power in this country in the urban centres, in the media, and they are not necessarily in touch with what the average Canadian is feeling."

The average Canadian, she says, is "sympathetic to Stephen Harper's message."

Movat remembers watching the right coalesce into a single party, and she later found her political footing debating university classmates who stood to her left.

She favours low taxes: "The idea that the government understands I can

probably do better with my own money than they can."

She appreciates Harper's foreign policy: "Canada had a go-along-to-get-along approach, and we were this meek country that had no influence on the world stage," she says. "In the last 10 years we've asserted ourselves and decided to stand up for what's right, funded maternal and child health care, opposed homophobic laws in Africa, fought for good free-trade deals, and Harper will stand up to Putin and Russia."

Movat also likes tough-on-crime measures and a vision of Canadian society that's pluralistic, but draws a certain line in the sand. "I think there's a healthy balance between having a clear set of principles, and within that framework allowing for all sorts of different cultures, ethnicities and orientations."

So, on wearing the niqab at citizenship ceremonies, Movat approves of the Conservatives' approach, arguing Canada should be "as reasonably accommodating of other cultural practices as we can," but draw the line "when it comes to basic things like gender equality." But she's also wary of outright bans, including

Harper's suggestion niqabs be banned from public-sector workplaces.

Movat also rejects the idea that Stephen Harper is fanning any flames of Islamophobia in this campaign.

"A candidate I've got to know in Ottawa is a Muslim of Somali descent and he's chosen to run for the Conservatives," she notes. "He was in law enforcement, he has a young family, he has all these reasons why he supports the Conservatives and it has nothing to do with his ethnicity or religion."

With the NDP falling in polls, Movat says she's "very concerned" about a country under Justin Trudeau. She worries his leadership will resemble that of Ontario Liberals, which she described as a "wilful disregard for what things cost, a view that you can bring in whatever ill-thought-out program you want to, have it cost billions of dollars, and when you run out of money, put in on the government's tab, and when you need to, introduce a new tax."

Rosemary Westwood has been travelling across the country talking to young voters. This concludes the series.

# Missing women not on the radar

## Issue eclipsed by refugees and niqab debate on campaign trail



**Tim Querengesser**  
Metro | Edmonton

Toni Letendre wants to support Indigenous families who are seeking justice but also wants to push for action rather than just more studies and more words.

It's a difficult position to reconcile during the ongoing federal election campaign.

Letendre, who helped organize a recent rally for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Edmonton, said she's of two minds on an inquiry into the tragic Canadian reality, which has been discussed in the election campaign, though never front and centre in the way that refugees and niqabs have.

"I support whatever families want, and some of them want an inquiry, so I support that," Letendre, who's from the Alexis Nakota Sioux nation, explained.

But, she added, "I feel that

we don't need one."

That stance sets her apart from those of the NDP and Liberals, both parties having called for an inquiry. Nor, she said, is she aligned with Stephen Harper, who has argued a national inquiry isn't needed.

For Letendre, it's more complicated and nuanced than all that.

"I think an inquiry could possibly help identify what needs to be done, but it's that part, where we collect those recommendations and nothing is being done (that's the problem)," she said. "There's no action going forward. We have recommendations through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and what's being done about it?"

What needs to happen? Dollars need to be given to groups like women's shelters and domestic-violence programs, she said, as well as to education.

The term "missing and murdered Indigenous women" entered Canada's lexicon thanks in part to an inquiry asking how Robert Pickton could kill so many indigenous women in the 1990s despite having been identified as a "person of interest" in police files.

The finding: systemic racial bias and devaluing of indigen-

ous women was to blame.

Since then, the nomenclature has been linked to the estimated 1,200 women across the country.

The Conservative government has contended that, because 40 studies on violence toward Indigenous women have been conducted since 1994, the issue has already been studied.

This, in addition to 1996's Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, which studied several root causes of racism toward Indigenous peoples, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recent report.

Canada can learn from these reports and studies, Letendre said, and, rather than researching the issue yet again, can now act to change it.

But, again, she's torn — as she realizes hundreds of families across Canada need a sense of closure and justice, as well as action.

"It should be grounded in the families," Letendre said of Canada's response. "What they want, what they need ... how do we prevent other indigenous women and girls from experiencing violence and these tragic deaths? There's so many ways that you could do that."

Getting people to care is the biggest hurdle, she said.

"People don't think it's important enough. That's the problem. Not just indigenous people need to stand up and say this is important and we need to do something about it."



**There's no action going forward. We have recommendations ... and what's being done about it?**

Toni Letendre

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# PM denies vetting of refugees

ELECTION 2015

## Report says Harper's office interfered with applications

The issue of Syrian refugees exploded back on the election campaign Thursday following a report that the Conservatives delayed the intake of vulnerable refugees from war-torn Syria in the spring and the prime minister's office got directly involved in processing immigration files.

The Globe and Mail reported Thursday that the Prime Minister's Office intervened in the processing of Syrian refugees and declared that all applicants referred by the United Nations would require Harper's approval. The file is normally handled by Citizenship and Immigration officials.

But staff in Stephen Harper's office got personally involved in vetting applications, the newspaper reported.

Later Thursday, Harper denied the charge that his office



Conservative leader Stephen Harper address a gathering during an election campaign stop in Vancouver, B.C. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

was directly involved in the selection of refugees who would be admitted to Canada.

"Political staff are never involved in approving refugee applications. Such decisions are made by officials in the department of citizenship and immigration," Harper said at

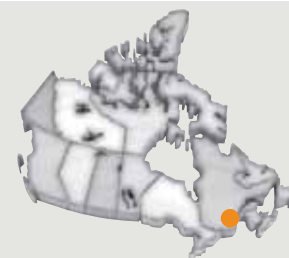
the start of a speech to a Vancouver-area audience.

The newspaper also reported that the intake of Syrian refugees was paused as the government did an audit of the initial batch of refugees accepted into the country. Harper confirmed his office asked for an audit

to confirm the government's goals were being met.

"Our government has adopted a generous approach to the admission of refugees while ensuring the selection of the most vulnerable people and keeping our country safe and secure," Harper said.

## WHERE THE LEADERS ARE FRIDAY



• Tom Mulcair will be in Montreal.

• The itineraries for Stephen Harper, Justin Trudeau and Elizabeth May were unavailable.

Harper said his office asked for an audit to ensure these policy objectives are being met.

Still, suggestions that Harper's office was involved in the refugee process sparked an angry reaction from his political rivals on the campaign trail.

"We learned this morning that Mr. Harper personally interfered in order to prevent the arrival of Syrian refugees," Mulcair said.

"That is abject behaviour on the part of a Canadian prime minister. It is a shame on Canada and Stephen Harper should apologize," the NDP leader said during a campaign stop in To-

ronto.

Mulcair accused Harper of hypocrisy, noting how the Conservative leader spoke with emotion earlier in the campaign about the death of Alan Kurdi, a three-year-old Syrian boy, who drowned with his brother and mother as his family joined other migrants in sailing from Turkey to Greece.

"Now, we learn it was Stephen Harper, himself, who prevented the arrival of Syrian families into Canada in the worst Syrian refugee crisis since World War II," Mulcair said.

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## DECriminalization

## Support for pot grows: Study

Canadians are "increasingly likely" to support the legalization or decriminalization of drugs, including marijuana, the public safety minister's deputy, Francois Guimont, has quietly advised.

It's a message that runs counter to the Conservative government's firm opposition to

softer penalties for recreational pot smokers — an issue that has flared up regularly on the federal campaign trail.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau proposes legalizing marijuana — selling and taxing it much like alcohol — while the NDP's Tom Mulcair has come out in favour

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## HERO IN FRANCE

## Airman stabbed in brawl

Airman 1st Class Spencer Stone, celebrated as a hero for helping to stop a terror attack on a French train over the summer, was stabbed and seriously wounded outside a bar in his hometown early Thursday in what police said was an alcohol-related brawl.

Stone, 23, was knifed repeatedly in the upper body but was expected to survive, authorities said. He was taken to UC Davis Medical Center.

"This incident is not related to terrorism in any way," Deputy Police Chief Ken Bernard said. "We know it's not related to what occurred in France months ago."

A grainy surveillance video from a camera outside a liquor store showed a man who appeared to be Stone fighting with several people at an intersection.

Police said two assailants fled in a car.

Bernard said there was no evidence the assailants knew who Stone was.

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# Stay calm: Israeli PM

## STABBINGS

## Rising unrest and attacks by Palestinians raising fears

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sought to calm Israelis Thursday as a wave of Palestinian stabbing attacks spread deeper into Israel and clashes erupted across the West Bank, vowing to combat the growing violence without alienating international allies.

Netanyahu has come under fire from hard-liners within his own governing coalition as well as opposition lawmakers for not putting an end to the surging violence, which erupted weeks ago over tensions surrounding a Jerusalem site revered by Muslims and Jews.

The unrest began with clashes between Palestinian protesters and Israeli police within the Jerusalem hilltop compound. But in recent days the violence has intensified and a series of attacks by Palestinians, carried out mainly by young people with no known links to armed



**A masked Palestinian protester stands amid smoke from burning tires during clashes with Israeli troops near Ramallah, West Bank, on Thursday.** MAJDI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

groups, has shocked Israelis and raised fears of a new uprising.

"Israelis are acting with bravery, courage, restraint and determination to neutralize and kill the terrorists in the act," Netanyahu told reporters at a press conference.

"With persistence, system-

atically and with determination, we will prove that terror doesn't pay."

Israelis around the country have watched warily in recent days as the violence spread away from Jerusalem and the West Bank and deep into Israel. The violence continued

Thursday, with four separate stabbing attacks that wounded several Israelis.

Four Israelis have been killed in attacks over the past week. Seven Palestinians, including four alleged attackers, have been killed in the unrest.

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## U.S. ELECTION

## Murdoch says sorry for tweet

Rupert Murdoch, who founded the News Corp. media empire that includes Fox News Channel, apologized on Thursday for a Twitter message suggesting that President Barack Obama isn't a "real black president."

Murdoch praised Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson and his wife as terrific in a tweet Wednesday, adding, "what about a real black president who can properly address the racial divide?"

In a separate message, he encouraged people to read a New York magazine article about disappointment among some blacks about the president.

Following a backlash, Murdoch tweeted Thursday: "Apologies! No offence meant. Personally find both men charming."

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said he didn't know whether Obama was aware of the tweet.

Carson, interviewed on CNN, said he considered the controversy "much ado about nothing."

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# Burgers could join borscht on menu for cosmonauts in space

Hamburgers could soon be debuting on Russian menus in space.

The Russian research institute responsible for designing meals for the country's cosmonauts said Thursday it was prepared to consider them, after the head of the Russian branch of U.S. fast-food giant Burger

King suggested that it should add cheeseburgers in tubes, according to the website of the Kommersant newspaper.

"We're not opposed to this possibility, especially if the food tastes good and the cosmonauts like it," Lyudmila Pavlova, the head of the space food division at the Russian Acad-

emy of Sciences, was quoted as saying by ITAR-Tass.

However, some of the development team expressed aversion to bumping burgers onto the Russian space food menu.

"Personally, I am against the idea of burgers. It's fast food that is not customary for our country," said Alexander Agur-

eyev, who oversees catering for the International Space Station at the Russian Academy of Sciences.

According to Agureyev, proposals to change space menus have been plentiful since space food began to be mass produced in 2011.

Astronauts' menus are gen-

erally made up of refrigerated, dehydrated and canned foods with long shelf lives.

While a variety of ethnic and fast foods ranging from hamburgers to chicken teriyaki are currently available on menus for American astronauts, the menu for Russian cosmonauts has generally featured more

traditional fare such as borscht, cottage cheese and caviar.

During the first joint U.S.-Soviet space flight in 1975, Russian astronauts famously treated their American colleagues to tubes of borscht paste with vodka labels jokingly taped on the outside.

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## ARTS

# Belarusian writer awarded Nobel Prize

Belarusian writer Svetlana Alexievich won the Nobel Prize in literature on Thursday for chronicling the great tragedies of the Soviet Union and its successor states through the voices of female soldiers, survivors of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and former Soviet citizens dejected by the collapse of communism.

Alexievich, 67, used her reporting skills to merge journalism and literature, creating books that have been published in 19

countries, with at least five of them translated into English. She also has written three plays and screenplays for 21 documentary films.

She is the 14th woman to win the literature award since 1901. It was also the first time the Swedish Academy has honoured journalistic work, according to its permanent secretary, Sara Danius.

Danius praised Alexievich as a great and innovative writer who

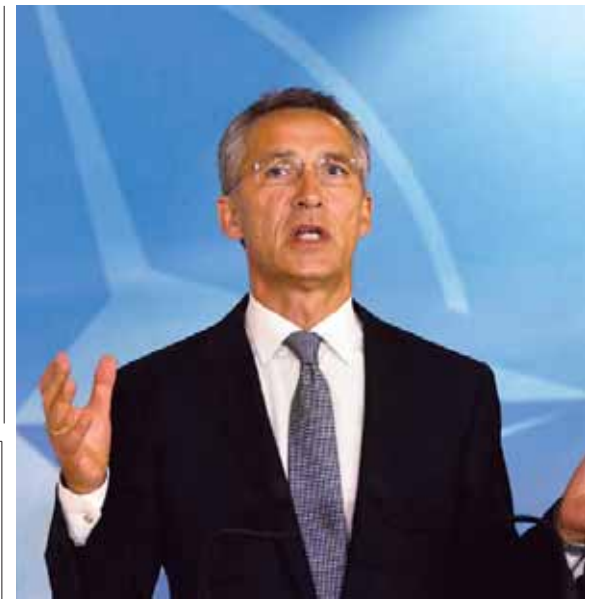
has "mapped the soul" of the Soviet and post-Soviet people. The academy itself said Alexievich was chosen "for her polyphonic writings, a monument to suffering and courage in our time."

"She is offering us new and interesting historical material. And she has developed a particular writing style as well, a new literary genre," Danius said. "She has said many times that, 'I'm not interested in events, the

history of events; I'm interested in the history of emotions.' And that's kept her busy for the past 40 years."

Like many intellectuals in Belarus, Alexievich supports the political opponents of authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko, who is up for re-election on Sunday. Because of her criticism of the government, she has periodically lived abroad but now lives in Minsk, the Belarusian capital.

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NATO secretary general Jens Stoltenberg said Russia's military escalation in Syria 'raises serious concerns.'

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# NATO talks tough on Russian acts

## SYRIA

## Alliance pledges to aid Turkey if necessary

NATO talked tough Thursday about Moscow's expanding military activity in Syria, but the U.S.-led alliance's chief response to the Russian airstrikes and cruise-missile attacks was a public pledge to help reinforce the defences of member nation Turkey if necessary.

"NATO is able and ready to defend all allies, including Turkey, against any threat," alliance secretary-general Jens Stoltenberg declared at the onset of a meeting of NATO defence ministers.

The meeting, attended by U.S. Defence Secretary Ash Carter and counterparts from NATO's other 27 countries, was overshadowed by concerns about Russia's recent military actions in Syria. On Wednesday, Russian warships fired a volley of cruise missiles in the first combined air-and-ground assault with Syrian government troops since Moscow began its military campaign in the country last week.

U.S. officials said Thursday that

some of those missiles missed their targets and landed in Iran.

Over the weekend, Turkey reported back-to-back violations of its airspace by Russian warplanes.

Stoltenberg said NATO had already increased "our capacity, our ability, our preparedness to deploy forces, including to the south, including in Turkey, if needed."

However, pressed about what NATO precisely intended to do to aid Turkey, which shares a border with Syria, Stoltenberg told a news conference the mere existence of a beefed-up alliance response force, as well as a new and highly nimble brigade-sized unit able to deploy within 48 hours, may suffice.

"We don't have to deploy the NATO Response Force or the spearhead force to deliver deterrence," Stoltenberg said. "The important thing is that any adversary of NATO will know that we are able to deploy."

Carter predicted that Russia's support for the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad "will have consequences for Russia itself," adding: "I also expect that in coming days the Russians will begin to suffer casualties in Syria."

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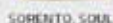
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### Consumers urged to match perks offered to actual needs

Air Miles, Aeroplan points, low-interest, no-fee — the options available on credit cards are dizzying for consumers looking to compare their options when shopping around.

When looking for a credit card, experts say consumers should start with an honest assessment of what they need and what they will use.

Those who think they might routinely carry a balance may want to focus on low-interest-rate cards rather than those that offer rewards, because interest charges can quickly outweigh any benefits a rewards card might bring, especially if you only pay the minimum required.

But for those who pay off their balances every month, the choices are abundant.

Sean Gibson, a branch manager at the Royal Bank in Ot-



Consumers should cancel credit cards they don't use because even unused cards impact a credit profile, says Sean Gibson, a Royal Bank branch manager. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

tawa, says how you plan to use your credit card will drive your choice.

"If you're paying a monthly fee on a card, you better get the value out of it," he says.

If you don't travel much, then travel rewards might not be much use to you, while cash

**“If you're paying a monthly fee ... you better get the value out of it.”**

Sean Gibson

back or points redeemable for groceries could very well be.

Travel insurance — including rental-car coverage — can be an option, too, but cards that offer that usually charge an annual fee, something you will have to weigh against any potential benefits.

Gibson says you should consider just how much you'll need to spend to accumulate enough points to be useful to you and whether that's realistic.

"Some people will say, 'Put everything on your credit card and pay it off at the end of the month,' but that requires a discipline that not everyone has," he said.

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada offers a credit-card selection tool to help consumers compare more than 250 credit cards from a wide range of financial institutions.

The site allows you to filter the cards by feature, picking out just the ones with travel rewards, for example, or sort out the cards that offer cash back on purchases.

Gibson says people should also be careful about just how many credit cards they accumulate because they have an impact on credit profile even if you don't use them and they just sit in a desk drawer.

"If you're not using it, you need to make sure you cancel it," he said.

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### Chris Hadfield's star power is losing its shine

Chris Hadfield's gotta be running for something.

It's not prime minister (yet), but it might just be Canada's eternal Space Dad. Why else am I seeing his face plastered across Toronto streetcars? Why else does he give more interviews than Stephen Harper on the campaign trail? Why else does he play music wherever he goes (any politician's "I'm a regular guy" move)?

You know what astronaut you don't have two-to-one odds of seeing on Breakfast Television? Most of them. You know who I don't need to watch making pizza? Chris Hadfield. Other mega-space stars like Neil Degrasse Tyson don't give the BBC's travel page "globe-trotting" interviews. And no, Tyson hasn't guest-edited Canadian Living.

This month, Hadfield is hosting a star-powered "science-themed variety show" in Toronto, which is why streetcars bear his face in David Bowie knockoff makeup.

Tyson, on the other hand, hosts a TV show about space that is not also a pseudo-rock show. And he doesn't compare himself, in makeup or music, to one of the biggest pop icons ever.

What I want from my scientists — even my pop scientists — is awe. Not awe at you. Awe at life. Awe at creation. Awe at the incredible expanse of space and all its emptiness and all its populations and all that

we do not know. I want you to be a conduit to something greater than humanity and any human.

Hadfield's smooth transition into celebrity might expand our exposure to science but not more so than our exposure to the man himself. In fact, in this PR race, Hadfield — and his moustache — is beating the universe.

He's become, to quote a friend, the Martha Brady of astronauts, which is bad, unless ubiquity is, to Hadfield, good. I don't know what an astronaut's post-space career is supposed to be like, but you don't hear much from Roberta Bondar these days.

"The blast of glory that attends launch and landing doesn't last long," Hadfield wrote in his book he released this year.

"The spotlight moves on, and astronauts need to, too. Otherwise, you'll wind up hobbled by self-importance..."

And yet Hadfield appears to be doing everything right to keep the glory going, the spotlight shining, to be, himself, important.

It's not that he hasn't accomplished amazing things or even that he's not still inspiring others to fall in love with space.

It's that I don't know when I see his face what I'm supposed to worship more: our collective incredible existence or one, however impressive, man.

## THE BIG THING: CUTTING THE CORD

It hasn't been a good week for the boob tube. First Netflix upped its monthly subscription fee, indicating that the streaming-video provider expects demand to hold and more people to reallocate their entertainment budgets from old-school television to on-demand alternatives. Then Thursday's leaders' debate was cancelled, making this federal election the first in more than half a century without one on major broadcast networks — an idea that would have been unthinkable even a few years ago. Does this mean Canadians are turning off the tube for good?



**1 Missing the show** Though gathering around a large screen in the living room may soon be a thing of the past (it's more likely everyone will sit on the couch staring at their individual devices), the broadcast audience is still far bigger than any one web video can command. During the 2011 federal election, 10.6 million Canadians tuned in to the English leaders' debate. None of this year's mishmash of debates ran on the largest networks — public or private — though in some cases the video was offered for free. The Maclean's magazine debate, offered on Rogers stations, had 3.8 million TV viewers. The rest attracted fewer than two million each. That doesn't count the large online audience, but it does mean many people were left out, such as the less-than-tech-savvy and those who lack an Internet-enabled device.

**2 Seeing static** A survey of 8,000 Canadians released earlier this year found 16 per cent don't pay for any TV service, compared to 12 per cent in 2012. Experts speculate that the trend might level off when 'pick-and-pay' becomes the law of the land in December 2016 and customers no longer have to pay for packages with channels they don't wish to watch.

**3 On different wavelengths** TV habits differ sharply along language lines, with 23 per cent of anglophones reporting that they plan to eventually toss the TV, compared to just 16 per cent of francophones.

# Freer trade and the TPP will benefit Canadians



**Ian J. Irvine**  
For Metro

After years of negotiations, 12 Pacific Rim countries, including Canada, have reached a tentative trade deal. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) covers 40 per cent of the global economy. But is it a good deal? Is it even a good idea to trade more openly with other nations?

The second, more general question is easier to answer than the specific one. And the answer is a resounding "yes." Indeed, the benefits of trade come in several forms.

First, there are the benefits of comparative advantage. Canada should export grains and import coffee beans, rather than grow coffee beans in Canadian greenhouses and have other, water-deprived countries try to grow grains.

There are benefits related to a larger scale of operation. In the 1960s, the Canadian Auto

Pact permitted manufacturers to ship their vehicles tax-free across the border. This meant that only some of a manufacturer's models were assembled in Canada and some in the U.S., according to their specialties. As a rule, specialization increases efficiency.

Third, we benefit from the diffusion of knowledge. With freer trade, we can get the benefits of research and development undertaken abroad, and new production processes developed in the countries we trade with.

Back in the day, some political parties objected to parts of the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. Looking back, though, no political party would want Canada to revert to its pre-NAFTA trading status. This pact encouraged imports and exports, improved average living standards and resulted in a more efficient economy for all three countries.

As for the TPP, the text of the full agreement has not yet been revealed, so it's more difficult to evaluate. One major objection has been a worry about the distribution of gains — that there might be benefits for corporations but not workers. For example, there are concerns that drugs might get more expensive as a result of longer patents and that international corporations would be allowed to sue governments for infringing on their trading "rights." But if what we're currently hearing is true, the agreement will not be so stacked in favour of capital.

A focal point of concern in Canada has been agriculture — particularly the dairy sector, which is heavily protected. Costs have been driven up by government-created milk and cheese quotas.

These policies benefit farmers, most of them quite large businesses, at the expense of consumers, who must pay higher prices. To make matters

worse, higher prices hit low-income households hardest, as they spend a larger share of their incomes on food.

But if concern for farmers is the issue, then critics can rest easy, as the government promises to compensate them for losses related to the deal. And let's not forget about exports. Canada will gain from improved access to markets that are currently protected — Japan in particular — by increasing its exports of grains, meats and commodities.

It's true not every sector of every economy participating in a trade deal can benefit. But on balance, trade deals are not zero-sum games; they are positive-sum, which means all the participating countries, and the large majority of their citizens, should benefit from freer trade.

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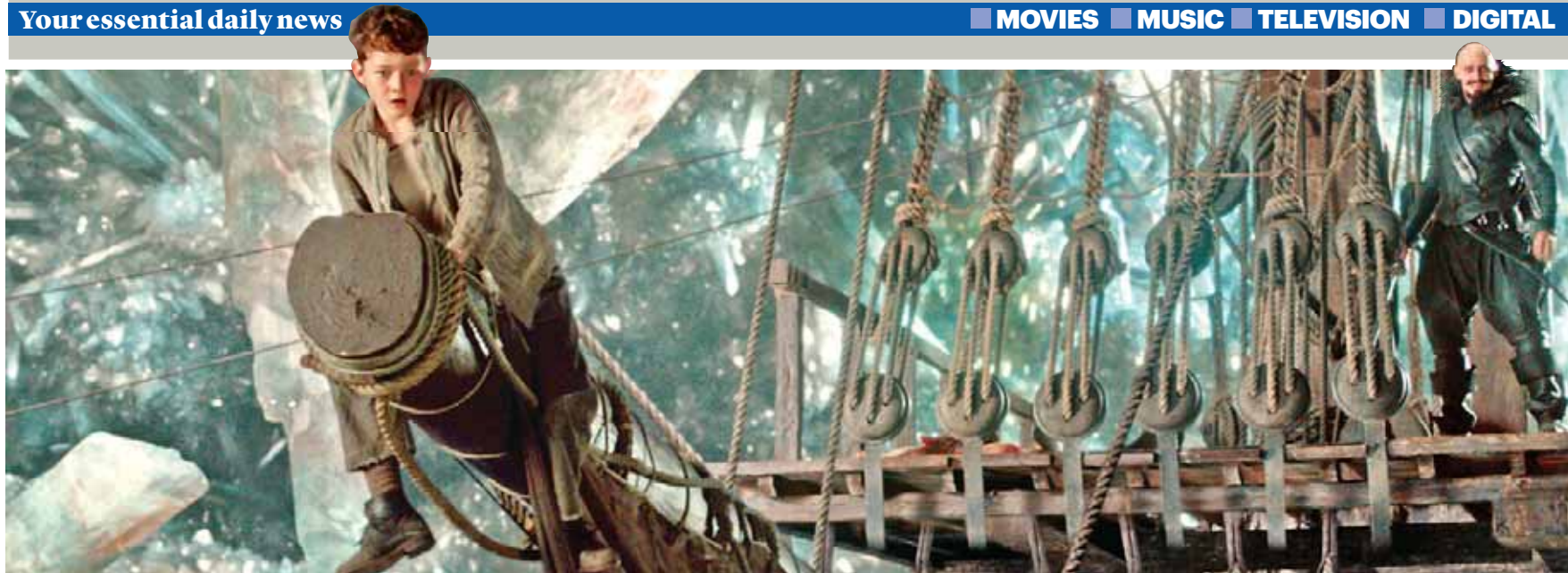
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## Pan just more of the Wright Stuff

### ANALYSIS

### Director turns old tales into sumptuous visual displays

**Richard Crouse**  
For Metro Canada



Director Joe Wright's newest film is an origin story for Peter Pan and Captain Hook. A prequel to J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan, it stars Hugh Jackman as Blackbeard, Garrett Hedlund as James Hook, Rooney Mara as Tiger Lily and Levi Miller as the title character.

It's a new take on an old tale, something Wright specializes in.

His versions of *Pride and Prejudice* and *Anna Karenina* are classic yet modern takes on their source materials, as sumptuously theatrical as they are emotionally fulfilling. Perhaps growing up with puppet theatre proprietor parents can be credited for his dramatic bent, but wherever it came from, his work is unique and eye-catching and Pan promises more of the same.

Here's a look at the Wright Stuff from his past films:

Set in pre-Second World War England, *Atonement* begins as an idyll. A rich family with two daughters, the fetching and

### MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

**Pan** ★★★★★  
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flirty Cecilia (Keira Knightley) and 13-year-old Briony (Saoirse Ronan), are vacationing at their rural country home. The handsome son of the family's housekeeper Robbie Turner (James McAvoy) is the object of affection for both girls, but he only has eyes for Cecilia. When Briony catches the two in a passionate embrace she is overcome by jealousy. To keep

the lovers apart she impulsively comes up with a childish, but devastating plan to accuse him of a crime he didn't commit.

**Best eye candy moment:** An astonishing continuous five-minute shot of the nightmarish Dunkirk evacuation, complete with 1,000 extras, livestock, and a beached boat all captured in one steady cam shot. "Basically, I just like showing off," he jokes.

The Soloist is based on the true story of Nathaniel Ayers (Jamie Foxx), a musical prodigy who developed schizophrenia during his second year at Juilliard School, and wound up living on the streets of downtown Los Angeles. Robert Downey Jr. plays Steve Lopez, a disenchanted Los Angeles Times columnist who discovers Ayers and bases a series of columns on Ayers and his life. Over time they form a friendship based on the liberating power of music.

**Best eye candy moment:** Wright loads the screen with artful pictures such as a symphony of colour that fills the screen whenever Nathaniel listens to a live symphony orchestra.

*Anna Karenina*, Russian writer Leo Tolstoy's classic story of love, honour and deceit in 19th Imperialist Russia begins with a family in tatters because of marital transgression. St. Petersburg aristocrat and socialite Anna Karenina (Keira Knightley) travels to Moscow to visit her womanizing brother Oblonsky (Matthew Macfadyen) and his wife Dolly (Kelly Macdonald). Her counsel saves their marriage but the trip proves to be the undoing of hers.

**Best eye candy moment:** Every frame drips with beauty, from sets to clothes to Keira Knightley's cheekbones, but the opening is a stunner, presenting what appears to be a stage production of *Anna Karenina*.

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# Director Paul Gross goes back to war

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## Soldiers' stories fuel Afghan conflict tale *Hyena Road*

**Richard Crouse**  
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Paul Gross didn't plan on directing two war movies back-to-back; that's just the way it turned out.

"I don't know what I was thinking," he says with a laugh.

Seven years ago his film *Passchendaele*, a hybrid of romance and war based around the gruelling 1917 battle of the same name, was the highest-budgeted Canadian-produced film ever.

That film was based on the experiences of his maternal grandfather, Michael Joseph Dunne, who served in the First World War.

*Hyena Road* was born out of Gross's own experiences after visiting Canadian troops in Afghanistan.

"I was mesmerized by the complexity of it and it was nothing like I had been told by the press, let alone our government," he says.

"I thought I should go back with a camera team because they were talking about pulling out of combat operations. I didn't have a story in mind or the intention of making anything, I just thought it would be a good idea to film it."

Returning with a modest crew, he shot footage and had long conversations with the soldiers.

"I would pick various guys and jot down their stories. Out of that the story emerged. Nothing in it is actually mine. The assembly of it is mine. That includes the characters. All the characters are based on people I met or composites of people I met."

He says the story of a young

**“All the characters are based on people I met.”**

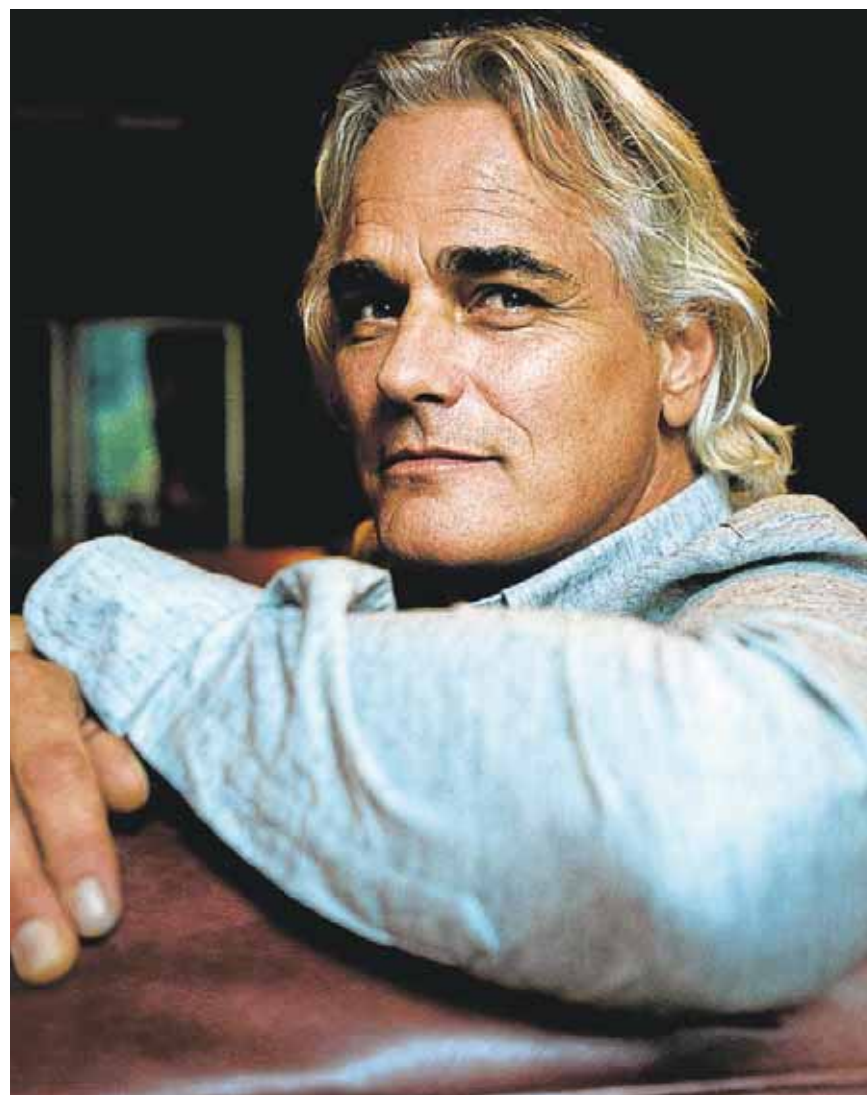
Paul Gross

Canadian sniper (Rossif Sutherland) struggling with the ambiguity of the missions his superiors (Gross and Christine Horne) are sanctioning was "written by the soldiers in a sense."

"I finished the script and gave it to my producing partner Niv Fichman and he was just furious. He said, 'Why did you have to do another war film?' Then he read the script and said, 'Damn you, it's good. Now we have to make it.'"

Gross, who stars and directs, blended the film he shot in Afghanistan with locations in Jordan to create a seamless look at a very complex subject. "I look at *Hyena Road* and think, 'This sort of the polar opposite of *Passchendaele* in terms of a war film.' *Passchendaele* was partly the way it was because it was the bridge between the romantic period and the modern era.

"I think *Hyena Road* is post-modern in that the nature of warfare contains almost no romanticism anymore. It's very complicated. As one of the characters says in it, 'There's no winning, there's just an end state.'"



**Hyena Road is a passion project for Paul Gross, who wrote, directed and stars in the movie about a Canadian sniper fighting in the Afghan war.** THE CANADIAN PRESS



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**Starring:** Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ben Kingsley

The Walk is the true story of a young dreamer, Philippe Petit, and a band of unlikely recruits who together achieve the impossible: an illegal wire walk in the immense void between the World Trade Center towers.

**ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE**

**Critics:** **87%** **Audience:** **85%**


**DRAMA**

## Hyena Road

**Director:** Paul Gross  
**Starring:** Rossif Sutherland,

A sniper becomes implicated in the life of one of his targets; an intelligence officer becomes the engine of a plot to kill; a legendary Mujahideen warrior who forsook war finds himself in the center of one. Three different men, three different conflicts.

**ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE**

**Critics:** **NOT YET REVIEWED** **Audience:** **+98%**


**FANTASY**

## Pan

**Director:** Joe Wright  
**Starring:** Hugh Jackman, Rooney Mara

The story of an orphan who is spirited away to the magical Neverland. There, he finds both fun and dangers, and ultimately discovers his destiny — to become the hero who will be forever known as Peter Pan.

**ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE**

**Critics:** **38%** **Audience:** **56%**


**DRAMA**

## Stonewall

**Director:** Roland Emmerich  
**Starring:** Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Ron Perlman

Stonewall is a drama about a fictional young man caught up during the 1969 Stonewall Riots. Danny Winters (Jeremy Irvine) is forced to leave behind friends and loved ones when he is kicked out of his parent's home and flees to New York.

**ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE**

**Critics:** **9%** **Audience:** **93%**


**MYSTERY & SUSPENSE**

## Knock Knock

**Director:** Eli Roth  
**Starring:** Keanu Reeves, Aaron Burns

When a devoted husband and father is left home alone for the weekend, two stranded young women unexpectedly knock on his door for help. What starts out as a kind gesture results in a dangerous seduction and a deadly game of cat and mouse.

**ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE**

**Critics:** **37%** **Audience:** **+88%**


**SCI-FI**

## The Martian

**Director:** Ridley Scott  
**Starring:** Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain

During a manned mission to Mars, Astronaut Mark Watney (Matt Damon) is presumed dead after a storm and left behind by his crew. But Watney has survived and finds himself stranded alone on the hostile planet. With only meagre supplies, he must draw upon his ingenuity and find a way to signal to Earth he is alive.

**ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE**

**Critics:** **92%** **Audience:** **+99%**

# Director defends Stonewall film

**Q&A**

## Loose take on pivotal LGBT event has drawn furious criticism

**Ned Ehrbar**  
Metro | Hollywood



With Stonewall, director Roland Emmerich steps out of the blockbuster disaster world that made him famous (Independence Day, 2012) and into a much smaller film playground, telling the story of the 1969 Stonewall riots, a turning point in the gay-rights movement.

But he's found himself in something of a real-life disaster as LGBT activists, and critics have been very vocal about the film's alterations to history — primarily the insertion of Danny (Jeremy Irvine), a fictional rural white character who comes to New York just before the riots and offers the central perspective on events.

Here, in his own words, Emmerich defends his decisions in presenting this piece



**Danny (Jeremy Irvine) plays the central role in director Roland Emmerich's Stonewall, much to the chagrin of LGBT activists and critics who have decried the film's depiction of history.** HANDOUT

of history.

**This is the first time you've addressed LGBT issues in your films. Why now?**

First, when I was a young director I didn't want to be called gay because I wanted to make big movies. Then

when I came to America, I realized that there's gay filmmakers making big films, so I can come out openly now.... So I was relatively late coming out — I was 33 or so — publicly. And then what happened

was people constantly kept saying to me, "You should do a gay movie," because now they knew that I'm gay.... And then at one point these two producers came to me and said, "What about Stonewall?" And I

said, "Somebody should make a movie about that!"

**How concerned were you with getting all the historical details right — what you change, what you don't?**

I'm always relatively courageous there because I'm always saying, "It has to make sense as a story." As long as I get the feeling right, you know?

For me, it was very rewarding because we showed it to the Stonewall veterans... and when they came out of the film they said, "Oh my God, this is very, very realistic."

**There's already controversy over having the fictional Danny character throw the first brick, though.**

Well, there's all kinds of theories about that. First of all, most of them were cobblestones. But we chose a brick because there was one black, very effeminate kid who always had a brick in her handbag, and when she wanted to have something she threw it through the window and grabbed that article of clothing she wanted to have. And that for

us was a storyline where a kid comes from the countryside, is totally shocked by what's happening — they steal, they do these kinds of things — and then naturally in the riot, this kid who's always kind of way too nice, but because of jealousy and just frustration he's the one who throws the brick.... It's always great for me when the most unlikely character does something.

**But do you understand why people are upset about that choice?**

A lot of people will be upset. I knew this before I made the film. But nobody knows really, for sure, who did what when.... The only thing we really know is that transgender people fought the hardest, but there were not only transgender people, and we show that.... Ray (Jonny Beauchamp) is kind of in the centre of the story and is this transgender Puerto Rican. And we have a black transgender person, too.... But we're storytellers. I'm not a documentarian. I'm not making a documentary. It's how I see a certain historical event. It's artistic expression.



# Zemeckis talks The Walk

Q&amp;A

**Director says CGI will change acting in the future**

**Matt Prigge**  
Metro | New York



You don't ask Robert Zemeckis about themes and ideas.

What the filmmaker — of *Back to the Future*, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, *Forrest Gump* and now *The Walk* — most likes to talk about is the technical side. (J. Hoberman has said the filmmaker was even oblivious to the Oedipal subtext — really, the text — in *Back to the Future*).

He was an early embracer of digital effects and hot new technologies, and even dramas like *Flight* tend to feature extensive use of subtle CGI.

Still, he maintains that he doesn't do films to do tech; it's the stories that grab him, with digital effects employed as a tool to flesh them out.

With *The Walk*, he tells a story already told in the acclaimed doc *Man on Wire*: how French acrobat Philippe Petit (played by Joseph Gordon-Levitt) covertly strung a tightrope between the Twin Towers in 1974 and strolled across them.

But he marshals the forces of first-rate tech to put us up there with him as he struts 110 stories above the ground.

**Could you make *The Walk* without relying on CGI?**

I don't even know how you'd do it at all. I guess you could



**The Walk is aided by digital enhancements in telling the story of tight-rope walker Philippe Petit.** HANDOUT

use miniatures. Back in the old days you'd use miniatures and process screens. It certainly would have been very limiting.

**Some of the CGI in this film is about recreating things that no longer exist. You create the World Trade Center both from the outside and the inside. This seems ... not cheaper.**

Just because it's digital doesn't mean it costs nothing. You have to understand that. People can say things like, "Oh, a microphone dropped into the shot, screw it, move on, we'll paint it out later." Well, that costs money. Or, "Oh, gee, I made a mistake on the colour of the actor's tie. I'm going to change it from

red to green." To do that in every shot costs money. Filmmakers have to be careful that they don't get sloppy, figuring they can change everything — which they can. But it costs money. To answer your question, basically you build what you need. So you build what the actors are going to touch, and you do a set extension. Sometimes it's cheaper to build more stuff, sometimes it's cheaper to build stuff virtually. It's always a trade-off. Obviously it's more difficult and more expensive to create photo-realistic reality. Doing s— in outer space, nobody knows what it looks like. Aliens, anybody can do aliens, because nobody knows what they look like. It's hard to do humans.

**Even in the dramatic scenes, such as in Paris, there's a lot of digital manipulation.**

We shot Paris in Montreal, so in some shots all we used were the cobblestones on the street. Everything else was painted in. Digital cinema is magnificent. You can do so many great things. It's a great tool. One of the things I love is I can shoot at a high-frame rate, and then I can adjust the speed of the camera movement. Or if an actor moves his head to react a little bit too quick, I can subtly slow it down and give it a more dramatic move that the audience can't perceive. Sometimes an actor will have a little twitch or an eye blink at the most inopportune moment in his performance. You can change

the actor's makeup. If he has circles under his eyes you can just paint them out.

**How is that for the actors, knowing their work can be manipulated?**

Most actors probably aren't aware of all the sophistication of the tools we have. But some do. I think acting is going to evolve, as with all technology. Actors in the early days of cinema had to project their voices because the microphones weren't that sensitive. Now actors can whisper or mumble their performances so we can pick up what they're saying. Actors will evolve knowing that digital tools can help them enhance their performances as time goes on.

**BOSTON, BOND**

**Maslany in talks for Gyllenhaal's Boston Marathon movie**

Canadian actress Tatiana Maslany could be on the verge of joining Stronger, a Boston Marathon biopic that already has Jake Gyllenhaal installed as its male lead. The part is that of a female runner taking part in the 2013 Boston Marathon; Gyllenhaal is in place to play her boyfriend, Jeff Bauman, who was waiting at the finish line where two bombs went off. AFP

**Daniel Craig is shaken, not stirred, by the thought of playing Bond right now**

Actor Daniel Craig has said he wants to move on from the James Bond franchise and that, for now, he would rather slit his wrists than do another Bond movie.

In an interview with Time Out magazine, in which he was asked whether he could imagine doing another Bond film, Craig said:

"Now? I'd rather break this glass and slash my wrists. ... I'm over it at the moment. We're done. All I want to do is move on."

He added that he doesn't know and does not want to think about his next step, and that if he were to do another

007 movie, it would

"only be for the money."

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# The girl behind the famous name

## FILM

## Director sees the ordinary in the extraordinary Malala Yousafzai

**Steve Gow**  
For Metro Canada



It was early on when Oscar-winning filmmaker Davis Guggenheim realized the way into the incredible tale of Malala Yousafzai, the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize winner, was to show her bashfully googling images of tennis pro Roger Federer and scrapping with her younger brothers.

"It's dangerous to look at these people as superheroes,"



**I feel like as a documentarian, I'm a midwife. I'm helping them to tell their story and I find that very inspiring. Suddenly, I get to know these people.**

Davis Guggenheim

said the director about the cinematic subject of his latest movie, *He Named Me Malala*. "She is an ordinary

girl. She became more extraordinary by making a choice so if you see it that way, all of us can be extraordinary

by the choices we make."

For Yousafzai, that choice was quite literally life-altering. Living in Afghanistan, the 15-year-old was shot by the Taliban simply for going to school.

After surviving the assassination attempt, the experience emboldened her to speak out even louder as an ambassador for girls' rights — advocating her cause in front of Ivy League graduates and world leaders.

"Next to having children and raising my own kids, it's been by far the best experience of my entire life," said Guggenheim of meeting Yousafzai. And that's saying a lot. After all, Guggenheim has filmed the likes of U2 (From The Sky Down) and former U.S. vice-president Al Gore (An Inconvenient Truth).

"I didn't know what I was getting into," admitted Guggenheim, who met Yousafzai by simply knocking on her family's door.

"I was with her when she spoke at the UN and I was with her when she was at the Syrian border (welcoming) these refugees who had

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The film is tied into The Malala Fund, which aims to ensure every girl has access to quality education. For more information, visit [malala.org](http://malala.org).

spent all night going across the border. In some cases she's like this superstar, and other cases she's just an ordinary girl and she's much more comfortable there."

But as stunning as Yousafzai's life story is, *He Named Me Malala* is more than just a biopic. Like his Academy Award-winning film *An Inconvenient Truth*, Guggenheim is hoping the movie will inspire a movement for the international right to girls' education.

"There's 66 million girls who are out of school; 66 million girls who have similar stories to Malala and to her, that's her mission," said Guggenheim. "It's very exciting to make a movie that not only is a great experience but can possibly change people's minds."

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Malala Yousafzai speaks with director Davis Guggenheim in Birmingham, England, during the filming of the documentary *He Named Me Malala*.

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### THE BLEEDER

#### Schreiber, Watts to co-star in boxing biopic

Underdog pugilist Chuck Wepner holds the distinction of being the third man to floor Muhammed Ali; Liev Schreiber and Naomi Watts are to tell his tale in *The Bleeder*.

Merely two months of full-time training preceded the semi-pro's 1975 Heavyweight title fight with Ali; ex-Marine Wepner surprised the boxing

world when he knocked Ali down with a right to the ribs.

Philippe Falardeau is in place to direct — he of schoolteaching comedy drama *Monsieur Lazhar* and Kansas refugee drama *The Good Lie*. Liev Schreiber of *Ray Donovan*, *Pawn Sacrifice* and the upcoming *Spotlight* is to play the durable Wepner, while his wife will be played by Naomi Watts. AFP



# Hedlund finds his inner child

INTERVIEW

**Playing a young Hook in Pan gave actor a chance to be goofy**

**Matt Prigge**  
Metro | New York



Garrett Hedlund doesn't tend to do silly. He does brooding (Iron: Legacy) or laconic (On the Road, Inside Llewyn Davis).

With Pan, from Pride & Prejudice and Hanna director Joe Wright, he kicks things up a gear. The pricey fantasy is a Peter Pan origin story, and Hedlund plays the younger Captain Hook, here given the first name James and not only more of a cowboy — and still sporting both hands — but a good guy who befriends Levi Miller's Pan upon his first, hectic trip to Neverland.

Hedlund gets to act oversized and speak in a ridiculous voice. Considering how much he gets into character, he found it a nice change of pace.

**I spent a good stretch trying to think what the voice you're doing here reminds me of, and eventually I decided it was John Huston. Am I even in the ballpark?**

I have a funny story about that. When I first met with Joe, we talked about how Hook would sound. He saw Hook as someone who would have been out of a John Ford film — who would have been happy if he wasn't in Neverland, but on a horse on a prairie. But when I first met with him, I thought about when I was doing Troy. Peter O'Toole (his co-star), I was so fascinated by him and so in awe of working with Peter O'Toole. He would come up to me and say, (slips into spot-on O'Toole



Garrett Hedlund says he's used to playing darker characters, so it was a fun play a goofier role. CONTRIBUTED

voice) "Garrett, my boy..." I think I was trying to do some of that. And Joe said, "It's wonderful! It's like a classic old American!" And I just kept my mouth shut. It's toned down, watered down. If I was to say I was just doing Peter O'Toole people would say, "You are a horrible actor."

**Peter O'Toole is not a bad meet for your first big film.** I was given The Ruling Class, with Peter, by Brian Cox (another co-star) to watch. He said, "You'll get a kick out of this because Peter's dancing around, flamboyantly prancing through this field. You'd get a kick out of seeing him then versus now." Peter would be smoking a cigarette and walking up the stairs, and

somebody would say, "Peter, do you ever think about quitting smoking?" He'd say, "Maybe I should quit stairs."

**Do you tend to watch a lot of movies?**

I grew up watching Bonanza and stuff like that. It wasn't films. We had one movie theatre in our town that played one movie every weekend, and it was really behind on the times. I think Men in Black II is just coming out now in my town. My dad would spend money on trying to provide for his kids, so that didn't include paying for films. Because you could watch it on television.

**James Hook is a bit of a departure for you. He's a lot**

**goofier than your previous roles.**

I've never played a character who's so big and projective. I've done films that are quite stressful. Usually we're on sets and everyone's stressed-out and you're playing the darker character. You have an abusive father or you've lost family members or someone's about to die. You can't eat or sleep. Joe and I wanted the material to have a darker side, but we still managed to have a lot of fun with it. He and I were laughing so hard, saying, "Wouldn't this be great to film a whole movie where we're having a ball and relaxing and not stressing and feeling like a kid again?"

**At the same time it does get**

**pretty dark, which is especially notable now, when children's films tend to be sanitized. Kids die, there's a scary orphanage out of Dickens and other assorted weirdness.**

Joe had said that before we started filming he had a two-and-a-half-year-old son who was having night terrors. He didn't know how to remedy it. He said that would like to make this film as dark as it can be to show kids that no matter how frightening your fears, you overcome them.

**The idea, especially now, seems to be not to talk about it. But dark films for children almost certainly help them cope with real fears. And I say this as someone with no**

**children, so I honestly have no idea what I'm talking about.**

Me neither. We're in the same boat. But Tiger Lily's outfit was really inspired by his son, and the fight scene on the trampoline was inspired by his son. Because his son loved this trampoline. It's wonderful to be part of a film where so many aspects were inspired by this young boy. Levi (Miller, who plays Peter) was 11 while doing this, and it was just awesome to see a kid who has never been on a film set before and getting to do things that any could dream of. It really reminded you to loosen up a bit, that life's short, let's have fun.

**You've talked in the past of writing a lot — including poetry — while on set. Do you still do that? Did you write anything while making Pan?**

I would sit in Primrose Hill, and down the street you'd always see the plaques outside: Sylvia Path wrote The Bell Jar over there, and a philosopher did this over here. I wrote a few poems, and they were kind of in the realm of what this film is dealing with. While we were rehearsing, Joe asked Levi to read one of them. He read it and it was a really beautiful moment. That was really about it.

But I continue to do it, only because when we're traveling we always find ourselves in a hotel somewhere, eating a club sandwich, getting to see lands that a lot of our family and friends don't get to see, getting to meet wonderful people all over the globe. I really just write so I don't forget. When I write sometimes I'll think it's just s—. A year or two later I'll read them and think, "Why did I stress so much?" That completely takes you back to that moment.



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**Kathy Buckworth**  
For Metro Canada



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Spend a sunny afternoon poolside at the Saguaro Hotel. ALL PHOTOS KATHY BUCKWORTH/FOR METRO

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As the day heats up, head for the hills by ascending to 8,516 feet (2,600 metres) via the rotating Palm Springs Aer-

ial Tramway. Temperatures dip a full -1 C at the top of the Chino Cliffs canyon. Tackle some of the 87 kilometres of hiking trails at the top to work up a healthy appetite for dinner.

The Workshop Kitchen is known for its Pisco Punch and

ever-changing menu. Or savour a deconstructed meal at Dish Creative Cuisine, one of Palm Spring's newest restaurants.

### Day 2

Stars come out at night, but you can visit stars' homes in



Hike the rugged terrain of the San Andreas Fault, and straddle the Pacific and North American tectonic plates, left.



stroll through their beautiful grounds.

Spend a hot and sunny afternoon poolside; the Saguaro hotel rooms surround a very private and colourful pool, which has a calming vibe.

Dinner at the Tropicale embodies the cuisine and culture of Palm Springs: an organic food experience on an outdoor patio while a jazz band provides the perfect ambience.

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the daytime. A specialized walking tour takes you to the heart of the Movie Colony district, playground for Frank Sinatra and pals. In a serendipitous nod to the transition between old Hollywood and new, Leonardo DiCaprio recently purchased the Dinah Shore estate.

Lunch at the celebrity-filled Parker Meridien café Norma's, which is best enjoyed after a

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# More to Montreal than St. Laurent

## ON THE MOVE

### Comedy, art and Garden make for a great weekend

**Loren Christie**  
For Metro Canada



When I was a student at Montreal's McGill University I spent my time bar hopping on St. Laurent, hanging out in the student ghetto and occasionally studying. This past weekend, some 20 years later, I returned to my old home and discovered a few things that weren't on my radar back then, but should be part of everyone's experience in this incredible city.

#### Comedyworks

Montreal has been synonymous with comedy since the Just for Laughs festival was founded in 1983.

If you are looking to get your giggle on outside of festival dates, the best bet is to hit a comedy club. The Comedyworks



**Montreal: Through the Eyes of Vittorio** showcases the work of photographer and illustrator Vittorio Fiorucci. MUSÉE MCCORD MUSEUM; INSET: PAPRIKA, 2015



on Bishop Street is a small intimate club with friendly staff and free popcorn. The headliner last Friday night was festival veteran Daniel Tirado.

I really wasn't sure what to expect but he was laugh-out-loud hilarious. An unexpected treat

was the calibre of the five local comics that came up before him.

However, I would caution that every act was colourful — viewer discretion is advised.

#### Vittorio exhibit

Located just across the street from the main gates of the Mc-

Gill campus is the McCord Museum. It focuses on the history and people of Montreal. There are a number of permanent exhibits but I was most interested in a temporary exhibit, Montreal: Through the Eyes of Vittorio.

Vittorio Fiorucci was a skilled



**The Magic of Lanterns** features more than 900 lanterns from the Shanghai region. MICHEL TREMBLAY/JARDIN BOTANIQUE DE MONTRÉAL

photographer and illustrator who focused on poster making and produced more than 400 over a 40-year period.

I had not heard his name before, but I certainly recognized his art. His creations for the Just for Laughs Festival are widely known and instantly recognizable. The exhibit runs until April 10, 2016.

#### Lantern extravaganza

An easy subway ride from downtown, the Montreal Botanical Garden is adjacent to the city's iconic Olympic stadium.

Opened in 1931, the gardens were declared a National Historic Site in 2008.

Every night from now until Nov. 1 the Magic of Lanterns event will light up the Garden's 2.5-hectare Chinese garden. More than 900 handmade lanterns from China's Shanghai region are showcased throughout.

They arrive in the summer and for two months workers build the supports, install the electrical wiring and hang the lanterns all in preparation for this annual event. The final effect is stunning.

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# Meier takes party to the ice as Herd top Armada

QMJHL

## Swiss notches four points in OT win to celebrate 19th



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

What would make an ideal 19th birthday for Halifax Mooseheads captain Timo Meier?

How about a couple of assists, his first goal of the season and an overtime game winner in front of a home crowd including his parents visiting from Europe.

That's exactly what Meier got in Thursday night's 5-4 OT win over the visiting Blainville-Boisbriand Armada, much to the delight of 5,102 fans at the Scotiabank Centre who opted for live Quebec Major Junior Hockey League action over Blue Jays playoffs on television.

"Playing in front of your family, it's always special," Meier said after the hard-fought win, which saw the Mooseheads come from behind not once, but twice, in order to force the extra frame.

"They live far away from here, so they don't see me play often," the third-year forward from Herisau, Switzerland said.

"To score when they're here, it's even more special," he added, "(and) to win the game when

## GAME NOTES

The Halifax Mooseheads moved up one place in the standings, to 15th overall in the QMJHL and fifth in the Maritimes Division with Thursday's win.

Defenceman Cody Donaghey is still out with a lower-body injury ... blue-liner Domenico Argento and forwards Kelly Bent and Dominik Blain were listed as healthy scratches.

they're here, I'm sure they'll be happy."

It didn't look like a game that would need overtime during the opening frame, with Armada forward Philippe Sanche scoring two straight, including one on the power play, to give Blainville-Boisbriand an early 2-0 lead.

But the Herd picked up steam in the second, with Meier feeding fellow San Jose sharks prospect Cavan Fitzgerald on the point to make it 2-1 at 4:09, and rookie winger Arnaud Durand adding another on a power play just over a minute later to tie it up at two apiece.

Despite the Armada answering back with goals from Guillaume Bergeron-Charron and Brendan Hamelin before the middle frame was done, Meier and his Moose came through



**Mooseheads captain Timo Meier stick handles around Blainville-Boisbriand Armada forward Tyler Hyland on Thursday night at Scotiabank Centre.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

in the third.

Meier notched his first of the season just 56 seconds into the period on an assist from defenceman Taylor Ford, then connected with rookie Cooper Jones on Danny Moynihan's goal to even it up again.

With Blainville-Boisbriand blue-liner Nathanael Halbert sent to the box for goaltender interference and unsportsmanlike conduct, the Mooseheads had an early overtime power play.

Maxime Fortier and Moynihan assisted the birthday boy's final marker of the night at 1:41 for the win.

"It was a great play," said Meier, who returned to the ice Thursday after sustaining a foot injury on the road last weekend.

"It was back-door, and I just had to put it in the net."

Meier wasn't planning any major celebrations post-game with his folks or teammates, however, as the Moose were back on home ice Friday night.

The Herd needs to collect more points, and quickly, to keep pace in the standings. Halifax has only won two games so far this season, with Thursday night's win breaking a five-game losing streak.

"We're not satisfied," Meier said.

"As soon as we leave the rink (tonight), we're all focused on tomorrow."

The puck drops against the Victoriaville Tigres at 7 p.m., back at the Scotiabank Centre.

## IN BRIEF

### AUS hockey gets underway

The puck drops this weekend on Atlantic University Sport men's hockey action.

In Halifax, the Saint Mary's Huskies host the Dalhousie Tigers at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Elsewhere on Saturday night, the St. Francis Xavier X-Men visit the Acadia Axemen and the UPEI Panthers play the UNB Varsity Reds.

The 2015-16 regular season kicked off Thursday night, with the Moncton Aigles Bleus hosting the St. Thomas Tommies.

Last season ended with UNB stealing the AUS crown, by beating Acadia in the best-of-three final series. Saint Mary's and St. Francis Xavier were both ousted in semifinals.

### Huskies host Axemen looking for first victory

The Saint Mary's Huskies are hoping for their first football win of the season this weekend on home turf.

They host Acadia on Friday at Huskies Stadium. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

The provincial rivals last played in pre-season on Sept. 5 in Wolfville where the Huskies beat the Axemen 14-3.

That marks the only victory so far this year for Saint Mary's, but doesn't count in 2015 season standings.

The Huskies have dropped all four of their regular-season games this year, with just another four left in Atlantic University Sport conference action.

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# Rangers knock down Blue Jays in Game 1

## MLB PLAYOFFS

### Donaldson and Bautista exit matchup with injuries

Robinson Chirinos and Rougned Odor homered off ace David Price as the Texas Rangers defeated the Blue Jays 5-3 in Game 1 of the American League Division Series on Thursday, spoiling Toronto's long-awaited return to the post-season.

A sellout crowd of 43,894, waving rally towels, lived and died with every pitch under the roof at the Rogers Centre, which last saw playoff action in 1993 when the Jays won a second straight World Series.

The underdog Rangers struck from an unlikely source. The bottom of the Texas order took its toll on Price, who was inconsistent pitching on 11 days rest. "I didn't throw the ball the way I'm capable of throwing it today," Price said.

Odor, a 21-year-old from Venezuela who bats eighth before Chirinos, is the second-youngest player to score three runs in a post-season game, according to ESPN Stats. Only Andruw Jones in the 1996 World Series was younger.

Both teams lost key players during the game, with Jays' MVP candidate Josh Donaldson and right-fielder Jose Bautista and Texas third baseman Adrian Beltre leaving early with injuries.

Toronto said Donaldson, dinged in the head breaking up a double play, had cleared the concussion protocol and would be evaluated Friday.

"I think he got a little light-headed, felt that something wasn't right," said Jays man-



The Blue Jays' Josh Donaldson collides with Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor in Toronto on Thursday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## ALDS Game 1



ager John Gibbons. "But he did pass all the tests, so that's a good sign."

Bautista was said to have a hamstring cramp and is not expected to miss any more action. He homered deep to left-centre off reliever Keone Kela to open the bottom of the sixth, cutting the Texas lead to 4-3. The

Jays slugger paused to admire his first-ever post-season blast then trotted around the bases.

One hitter later, Edwin Encarnacion almost repeated the feat, but his blast went just foul.

Odor's line-drive homer to right in the seventh made it 5-3, hushing the crowd after Bautista's homer.

Price, who gave way to Brett Cecil after seven innings, gave up five earned runs on five hits with five strikeouts and two walks. He threw 90 pitches, 59 for strikes.

Price, who did not hit a batter as a Jay during the regular season, hit Odor twice in five innings — a Toronto playoff record. Both times the Texas second baseman came home to score.

For all his regular-season exploits, Price is 1-6 in the playoffs.

"He didn't give up many hits," said Gibbons. "The two key ones were the home runs."

Hard-throwing Sam Dyson pitched the ninth for Texas, hitting 98 m.p.h. Encarnacion opened with a single, but the Jays came up short.

"The thing we've got going for us is we have been resilient all year," said Gibbons. "One thing I know about us is we always seem to respond."

Texas only won two of six games with Toronto this season, and Yovani Gallardo was on the mound for both. He started strong Thursday, retiring the first nine Jays he faced before exiting after five innings with a 4-2 lead. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## NHL

### The wait is finally over for McDavid

Connor McDavid has dreamed of playing in the NHL since he was a kid, but there was no tossing and turning on the eve of his big-league debut.

McDavid got a good night's sleep, and it wasn't until he woke up in a St. Louis hotel Thursday that he let his mind wander. That's when the nerves kicked in.

"That's kind of when it hit me that I'll be playing in my first NHL game," the Edmonton Oilers' No. 1 pick said hours before suiting up against the Blues. "That's when I first realized. Last night I had no problem sleeping, like nothing at all. Just woke up this morning, and that was kind of it."

McDavid enters the league with the nerves of any 18-year-old, but unlike other rookies, also carries the weight of being

compared to Sidney Crosby and Wayne Gretzky. There's also a curiosity factor in play that might be the highest of its kind in the history of the sport.

"I did spend some time talking to Sid about his experience, and even since then the world has

really changed as far as media and social media and that type of stuff," Oilers coach Todd McLellan said. "This is a new adventure for everybody involved. I know that Connor has the tools to handle the pressure,

and we'll do everything we can to help him."

"It's important to remember he's 18," linemate Taylor Hall said. "There's going to be some trials and some errors, but I think that he's in a position to succeed, and it's going to be fun to watch him grow." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**He's going to come into the league with a big target on his back right off the bat.**

Kings defenceman Drew Doughty

## IN BRIEF

### Torres apologizes for hit to the head on Silfverberg

San Jose Sharks forward Raffi Torres says that "I am disappointed I have put myself in a position to be suspended again."

Torres isn't appealing his 41-game suspension for an illegal check to the head of Anaheim's Jakob Silfverberg in a preseason game. In a statement released by the team Thursday, Torres apologized to Silfverberg and the Sharks.

"I'm extremely thankful that he wasn't seriously injured as a result of the play," he said.

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### Chara inactive for opener

Boston Bruins defenceman Zdeno Chara missed Thursday night's game



Zdeno Chara

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against the Winnipeg Jets because he wasn't ready to return from an upper-body injury. The 2009 Norris Trophy winner

has been out since he sustained the injury in a Sept. 24 exhibition against the New York Rangers.

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## Stroman won't shy away from spotlight

Blue Jays pitcher Marcus Stroman isn't much of a fan of the outdoors, doesn't like bugs and hates spiders.

But put him on a pitching mound in front of millions, and

he's in his element — locked and loaded with something to prove.

"As far as sports-wise, I feel like I'm able to keep my emotions in check and use the limelight as kind of a way to get up. I love it, I love it," the 24-year-old right-hander said.

"This is what you dream of. This is when you're a little kid and you're playing in the backyard and you say, 'I'm playing in the playoffs.' This is why you play the game. So I couldn't be more ex-



**I'm five-foot-eight. A lot of people doubt me. So that's with me every single pitch out there on the mound.** Marcus Stroman

cited. I'm not nervous. I'm not slightly nervous.

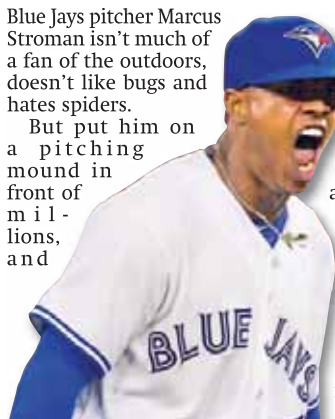
"I mean I haven't pitched in nine days so I'm excited to get out there and get on the mound and get going."

Stroman (4-0) will face Rangers ace Cole Hamels (13-8) in Game 2 Friday, the latest chapter in his remarkable comeback from March surgery to repair an anterior cruciate knee liga-

ment ripped up during a routine fielding drill in spring training.

"This is definitely the biggest start of my career, hands down," he said. "But I'm ready for it."

Stroman, who went 11-6 with a 3.65 ERA as a rookie in 2014, has yet to lose since returning to action in early September. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# Hunwick A-OK with Leafs role

NHL

## Veteran D-man feted with surprise 'A' on opening day

It raised a few eyebrows — over eyes that may not have really been paying attention — when defenceman Matt Hunwick emerged for his first game as a Maple Leaf wearing an 'A' on his sweater.

Alternate captains are not normally outsiders new to the room. They don't usually have a resumé of a 30-year-old NHL journeyman.

But then, this is not like any other Maple Leafs season. And if role models are what the coaching staff is after in its leaders, then the hardworking Hunwick fits the bill.

"I was surprised, for sure," Hunwick said. "Definitely humbled. It's a great honour. And



**Matt Hunwick**  
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more responsibility. But it's a challenge I like to have. Hopefully I can lead the way I always do, going about my business the right way. (There won't be) a lot of changes because there's a letter on my sweater."

When Mike Babcock promised a clean slate, he meant it. While Hunwick joined Tyler Bozak with an 'A', Joffrey Lupul lost his.

"Mike called me in and talked to me about it," Lupul said. "That's who he selected. I think they're both good. I'm

happy for both of them."

Babcock well knows the talents of Friday's opponents, players like Tomas Tatar and Henrik Nyquist of the Detroit Red Wings.

Babcock has liked what he's seen of Hunwick through three weeks of training camp.

"He does it right every day," said Babcock, offering reasons why he made Hunwick an alternate captain. "He looks good to me. On our team, he's been excellent. He moves the puck. He's got a good stick. He's great in the gym. He's a good man."

The Leafs, who signed him to a two-year deal over the summer, are Hunwick's fourth team, with previous stops in Boston and Colorado and with the New York Rangers. He lost his blue line job with the Rangers last year when they traded for Keith Yandle.

The Leafs, who lost their home opener, have a chance to earn Babcock's first win behind the Leafs bench against his old team, the Red Wings.

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**EURO QUALIFIERS IRISH GET WIN THEY'VE BEEN LONG-ING FOR** Irish substitute Shane Long scores on goalkeeper Manuel Neuer as Ireland topped the World champion Germans in Dublin. Long blasted past Neuer to the top corner to ensure Group D will be decided on the final day. Portugal and Northern Ireland booked their places at Euro 2016 on Thursday, while Germany was made to wait after the 1-0 upset. ASSOCIATED PRESS



## PREMIER LEAGUE

### Klopp destined for the Kop

Liverpool hired Juergen Klopp as its new manager on Thursday, turning to one of Europe's most respected and charismatic coaches to reverse a slump in form and return success to the fallen English giant.

The Premier League club has called a news conference for Friday morning, when

Klopp will be unveiled.

Brendan Rodgers was fired on Sunday following an 18-month slump since nearly winning the Premier League title in 2014.

Klopp left Borussia Dortmund at the end of last season after guiding the club to two German league titles and a Champions League final. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**Juergen Klopp**  
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# RECIPE Lemon Thyme Salad



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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

Serve with your favourite dressing. **Serves 4**  
**Ready in:** 45 minutes

## Ingredients

- Marinade**
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
  - Juice of 1 large lemon
  - Zest of 1/2 lemon
  - 1 Tbsp of fresh chopped thyme
- Salad**
- 6 cups sliced mixed greens
  - 2 cups small potatoes, halved, boiled and tossed with oil and salt
  - 4 soft boiled eggs, cut in half
  - 1 cup thinly sliced carrot
  - 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
  - 1 cup diced cucumber
  - 1/2 cup shaved Asiago or Parmesan cheese
  - 1/4 cup diced green onion
  - 1/2 tsp fresh chopped thyme

## Directions

1. In a bowl, combine the marin-

ade ingredients and whisk. Pour into a large, plastic storage bag. Add chicken to bag, seal and refrigerate for at least 15 minutes.

2. Arrange greens on a large serving dish. Place cooked potatoes, eggs, carrot, cherry tomatoes, cucumber and cheese in groups on top of the salad.

3. Prepare grill to medium-high heat. Remove chicken from bag; discard marinade. Place chicken on grill rack coated with cooking spray; grill 10 minutes or until browned. Turn chicken over; grill 15 minutes or until meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the breast measures 160. Remove chicken from grill and let stand for 10 minutes. Slice chicken into strips and place on top of salad.

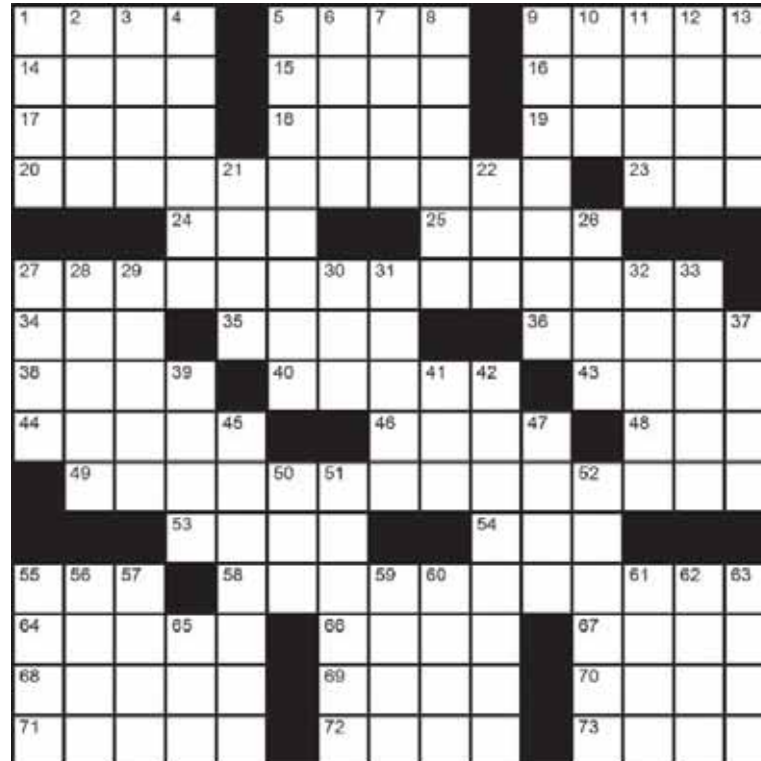
4. Sprinkle the entire salad with green onions and fresh thyme. Add your favourite salad dressing ingr or plate and allow each person to dress their salad individually.

# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

## ACROSS

1. Urban cloudiness
5. 'B' to Homer
9. Shakespeare's sphere
14. Get well
15. "...hear \_ \_ drop."
16. Roof rim things
17. -rust primer (Metal painter's purchase)
18. Mr. Rhames
19. Horse's hello
20. Removable paper covers on books: 2 wds.
23. Jour: English
24. Subway section
25. \_-back (Relaxed)
27. New movie "The Walk" (2015) is the true story of Philippe Petit, a \_- \_ \_
34. Card game
35. "Je ne \_ \_ quoi."
36. Long for
38. Bygone Ford cars
40. Attentive type
43. Axer's aim
44. RCAF's motto back when it was established in 1924... Per \_
- Ad Astra (Through adversity to the stars)
46. "Hot cross buns! \_ \_ penny, two..."
48. Three -lettered bug
49. \_- \_ \_ (Players of music at #58-Across)
53. Approximately: 2 wds.
54. Wuthering



- Heights author ...her initials-sharers
55. Sea diving bird
  58. Ontario: Kitchener-Waterloo event from October 9th to October 17th, 2015
  64. Piece of postage
  66. Daily TV doctor

67. Smart
68. Backyard spot
69. At \_ (Immediately)
70. Sole's locale
71. Moults
72. Steel- \_ boots
73. Shirts

## DOWN

1. Herring-like fish
2. 'Entrees' lister
3. Feedbag bits
4. Techie problem
5. 'Canada's Greatest \_ Festival' (How #58-Across is dubbed)
6. Grand
7. "Peter Pan" (1953) fairy, for short
8. Actress Ms. Bassett
9. Compactness
10. Canadian songwriter/author, \_ Spoon
11. Enthusiastic
12. Really big
13. Like the stuff left-

- over in fireplaces
21. Shark movie
22. Driveway's topping
26. Atkins, for one
27. -hoop
28. Short start?
29. "Pretty Bad Boy" is by which Canadian band?
30. Carmen Miranda movie, "That Night in \_" (1941)
31. Bar, legally
32. Kitchen roll, with Wrap
33. Movement
37. Profits
39. Form of wrestling
41. Bambi's aunt
42. Fixed part of the boot
45. Well-timed/suitable
47. Shortened word
50. Have this ? in your wonderment
51. Item sitting on the stove's turned-on burner: 2 wds.
52. Equally quick: 2 wds.
55. Venomous dangers of the Nile
56. Beehive State
57. Reality star Ms. Gosselin
59. "I'm sorry to hear that.": 2 wds.
60. "American Idol" runner-up Bo
61. Reverberate
62. Go a -purchasing
63. Caddie's stash
65. Halfway

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
One day soon you will look back and laugh at the things you allowed yourself to get worked up about. That day will come sooner if you refuse to give in to the emotional side of your nature.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Seize the moment and make things happen. With Mars moving through the most dynamic area of your chart there is plenty of time to do something remarkable.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
What you have to do and what you want to do are two different things. The good news is that your powers of persuasion will soon be back to help you out.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
What have you done to turn certain people against you? It may have something to do with your tendency to tell the truth when they don't want to hear it.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Mercury, planet of the mind, moves out of its retrograde phase today, which among other things will make it easier for you to guess what people are thinking.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You may feel that time is running out, that if you don't make your move soon you will miss out, but that isn't true. You have plenty of time to make your mark and what you do today and over the weekend will bring some sort of recognition.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Things that did not add up a while ago now make perfect sense and no doubt you will kick yourself mentally for making it so complicated when it did not need to be. No matter.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Don't cover up for a friend if they have done something wrong because it will reflect badly on you in the long-term. They should be big enough to stand up and admit they made a mistake.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Do something dramatic today, something that impresses those in positions of power. The only thing that seems to be holding you back is that you are not sure you want to be the centre of attention. Since when have you been so modest!

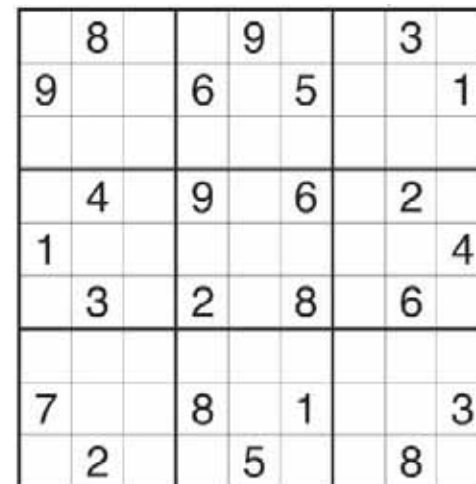
**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
The planets warn that certain people will try to bully you into abandoning opinions you genuinely believe in. Don't let it happen. It does not matter if the whole world seems to disagree with you.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Nothing truly happens by chance and if you keep that thought in mind today and over the weekend you will find it easier to deal with events.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Your needs and desires have not often been satisfied in recent weeks but over the next few days, leading up to the new moon on the 13th, you will make up for lost time. The sacrifices you have made will be worth it in the long-term.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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